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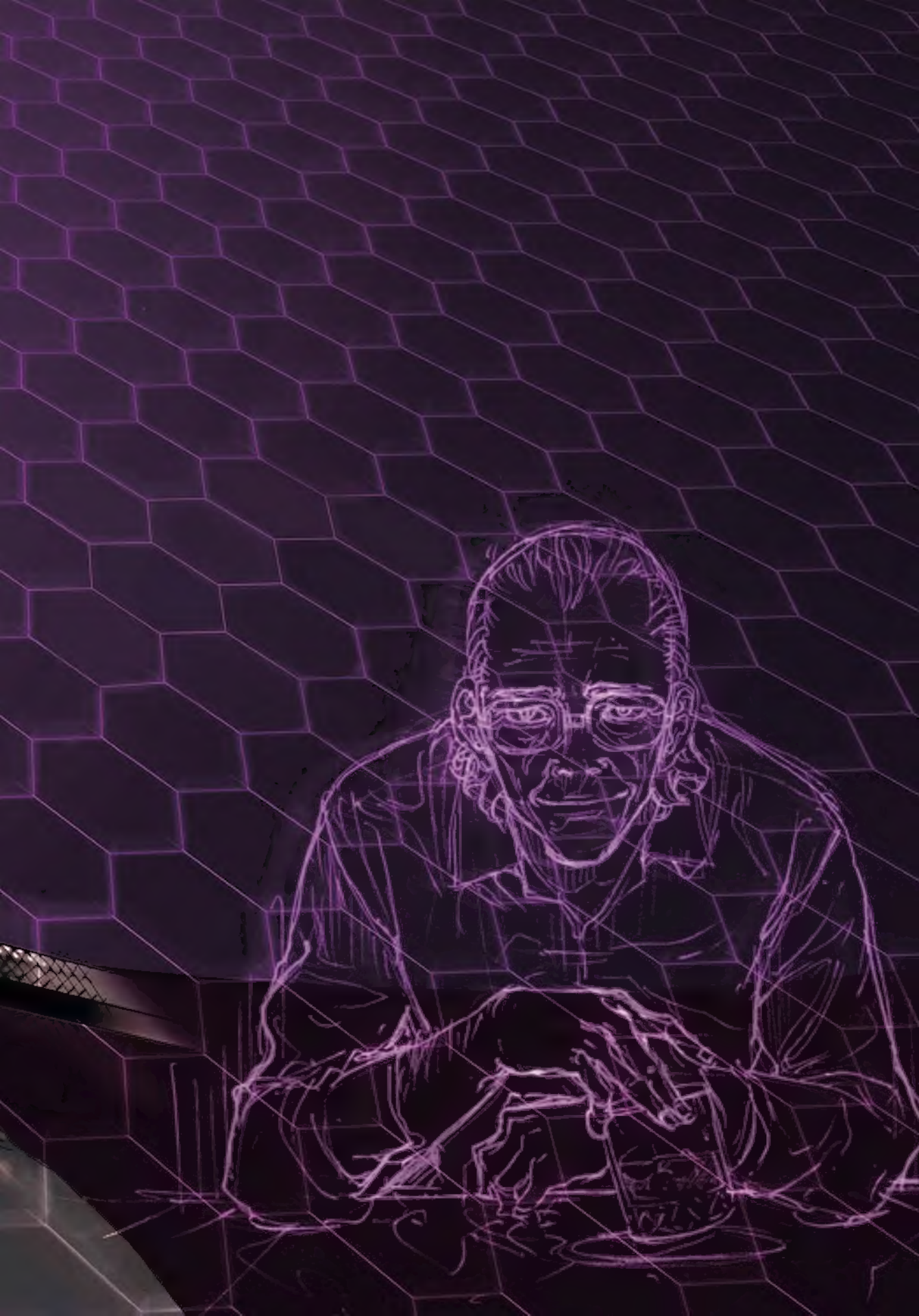

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NOT YET!?
KACHA (CLICK)
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カチャ
KACHA...
I HAVE TO UNDO THIS WITHOUT CUTTING OFF THE SIGNAL. TELL HIM IT WILL TAKE JUST A BIT LONGER.
IT'S SET TO EXPLODE IF THE TRANS-MISSION GETS INTERRUPTED.
WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU IN PAIN?
...

SHE'S BEEN THROUGH A LOT, JUST LIKE YOU...
BUT SHE'S BEEN UNDER ATTACK BY AN ORGANIZATION SINCE SHE WAS EVEN YOUNGER.
KACHA
KACHA CLICKS
SO, WHAT IS...
...ANNA-SAN LIKE?
KACHA
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I'M... STILL...
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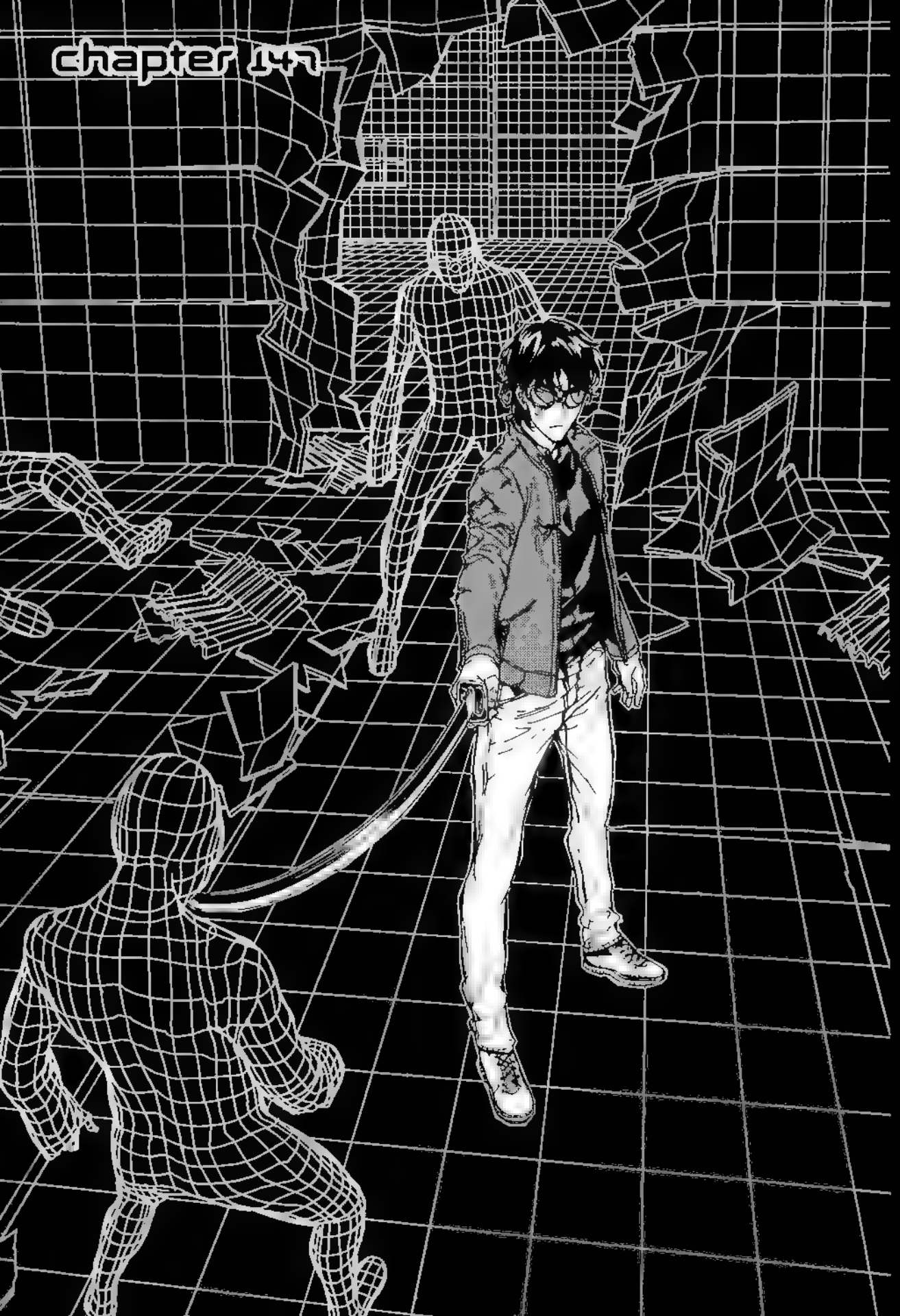
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SU (SHH)
GU (WHOOSH)

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GTING!
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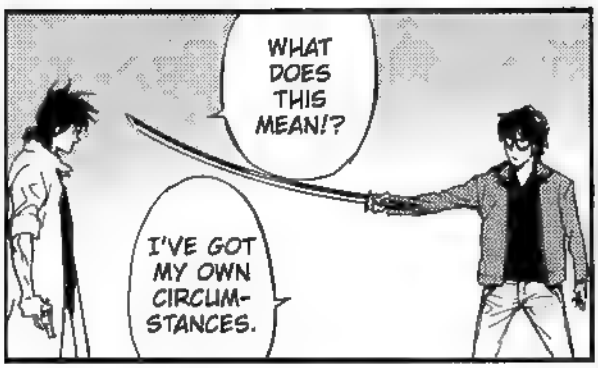
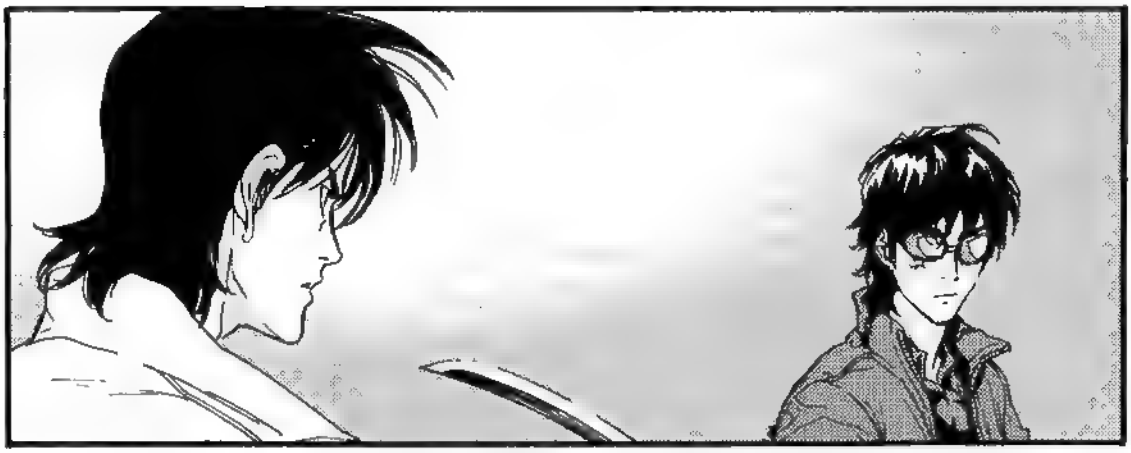
I CAN SEE BOTH OF YOU, CLEAR AS DAY.
DON'T MOVE ...


WHAT DOES THIS MEAN!?
I'VE GOT MY OWN CIRCUM-STANCES.

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO!?

THE SPACE IN FRONT OF ME IS FULL OF THE SCENT OF DANGER.

MAYBE THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO KNOW, BUT WITH THE SCHOOL UNDER ATTACK, THAT MAKES IT MY CONCERN.
CERTAINLY NOTHING THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW.
NOTHIN' MUCH.
...
PULL BACK.
IF HE MOVES, YOU'LL PAY THE PRICE.



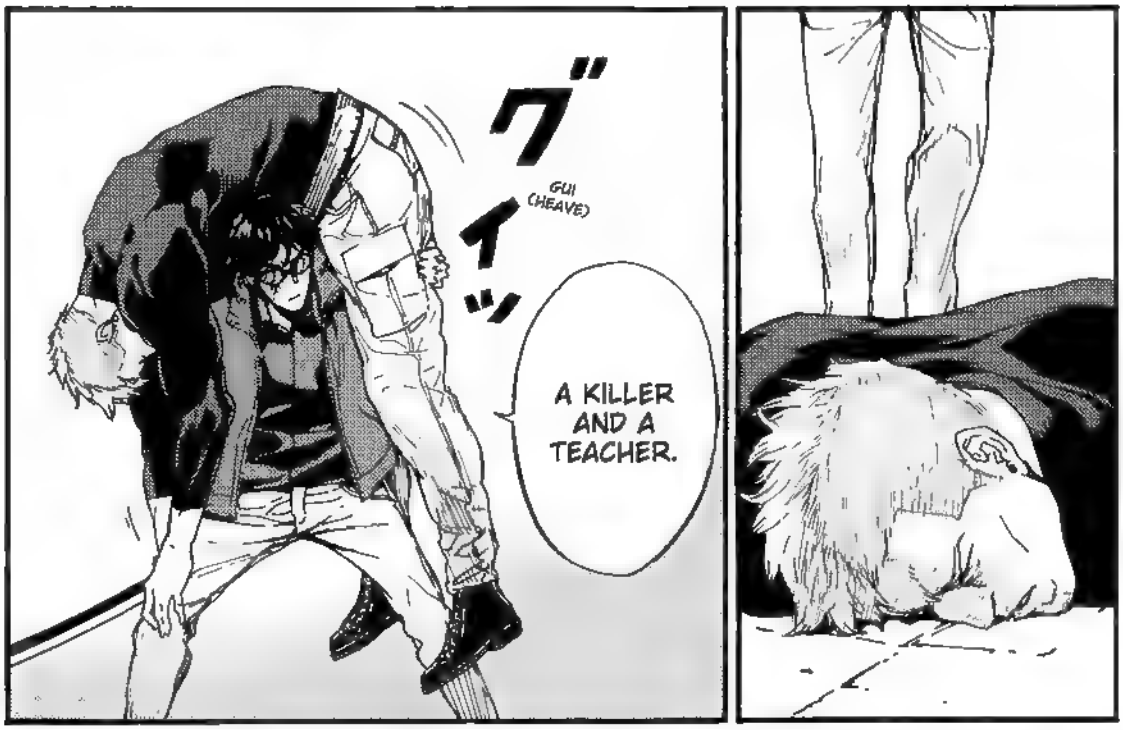
...NO FUNNY MOVES...
I DON'T KNOW WHO GOT YOU, BUT YOU CAN'T WIN WITH YOUR RIGHT WRIST HURT.
YOU SEE RIGHT THROUGH ME...

...BUT I STILL GOT ENOUGH IN THE TANK TO TAKE YOU DOWN, FATIGUED AS YOU ARE.

THOSE GUN-SHOTS!
ASHE!!
TA (RATTA)
TA
TA
GUO (SUIK)
I TOLD YOU NOT TO MOVE, WOMAN!
GUO (BOOM)

!?

TEBOR ...
YOU THOUGHT I COULDN'T TELL, WITH THOSE BAGGY CLOTHES? I COULD SENSE YOU WERE A WOMAN FROM YOUR MOVEMENTS.
WHA...?
GUH..
HEH HEH HEH...
YOU GONNA CHOOSE YOUR STUDENTS OVER THE BATTLE IN FRONT OF YOU, JESUS?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GUI (HEAVE)
A KILLER AND A TEACHER.

WHAT A STRANGE GUY.

KIN (TING)
KIN
HYU (ZIP)
BYUN (SWISH)
YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE BLACK UNIT.
EVERYONE IN THE GROUP KNOWS HOW TO USE A KNIFE AND A GUN.
...HE'S TOUGH...

BYUN
(SWOOSH)
I AIN'T SOFT ENOUGH TO LET A GIRL LIKE YOU GET THE JUMP ON ME!
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SUTA
(LEAP)
BUSHUU
(BSHHT)
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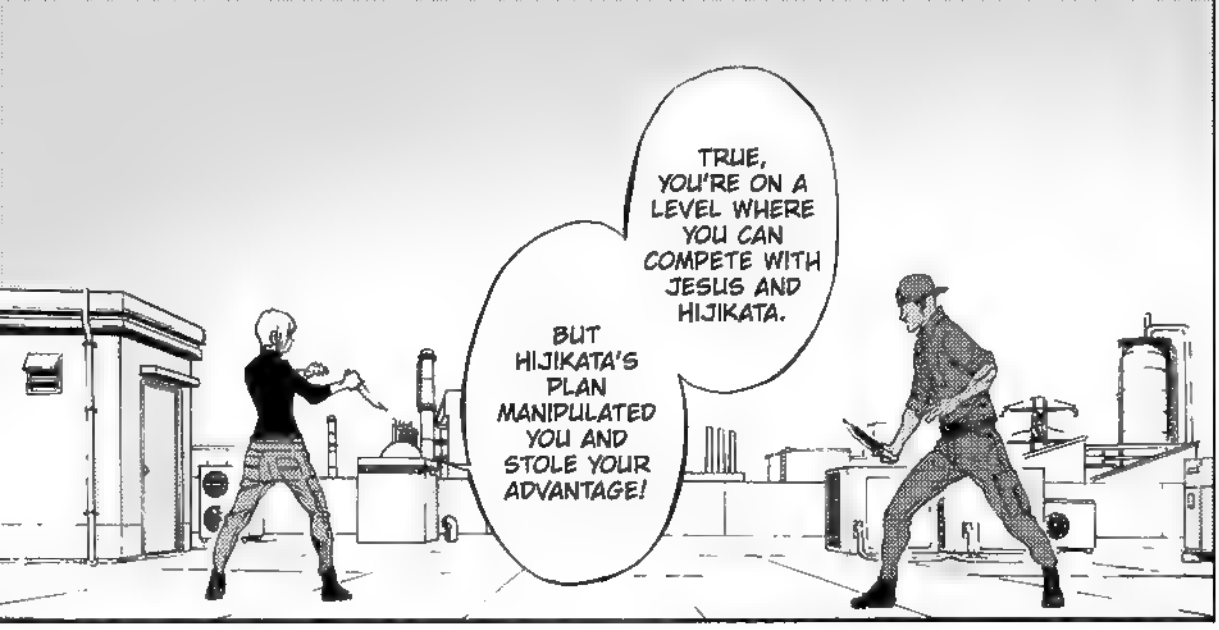
TRUE, YOU'RE ON A LEVEL WHERE YOU CAN COMPETE WITH JESUS AND HIJIKATA.
BUT HIJIKATA'S PLAN MANIPULATED YOU AND STOLE YOUR ADVANTAGE!

THEN WHEN HIJIKATA FOUGHT THE THREE OF YOU...

WHAT!? THAT'S BULLSHIT!

THE TOP PRIORITY FOR ANY SNIPER IS LOCATION. WHY DID YOU SLACK OFF?
...
BE-CAUSE ...
...WHY DIDN'T YOU REPOSITION YOURSELF INTO A BETTER LOCATION!?

WITH PROPER POSITIONING, SNIPERS LIKE US SHOULD NEVER LOSE IN A ONE-ON-ONE SITUATION.
AM I WRONG?
...
YOU THOUGHT, "THERE'S NO WAY I CAN LOSE TO SOMEONE LIKE THIS." IT'S THE SAME THING WITH THE SHOWDOWN AGAINST ZELM!
SHA (SWISH)
SHUT UP!!
KIN
KIN (TING)
THE REASON HIJIKATA'S ACTIONS SEEM INSANE AND RECKLESS...
...IS BECAUSE HE KNOWS METHODS OF ATTACK THAT A THIRD PARTY COULD NEVER IMAGINE.

ACTIONS THAT APPEAR TO BE SUICIDAL CAN BE PLANNED OUT IN ADVANCE, KNOWING THE ENEMY WILL WRITE YOU OFF.
THE MORE FUNDAMENTALLY SOLID A FOE IS, THE EASIER THEY ARE TO LURE OFF GUARD WITH ACTIONS THAT IGNORE BASIC PRINCIPLES.
ONLY THE ULTRA-ELITE LIKE JESUS, AEGIS, AND ZELM CAN PROPERLY REACT TO A STRATEGY LIKE THIS.
HYUN (SWISH)
HE CAN FIGHT IN WAYS THAT SOLDIERS LIKE US COULD NEVER IMAGINE.
TA (CHOP)

!?
HYU (SWISH)
ZURU (SHUMM)
KIN (KTING)
TA (RATTA)
TA
TA
TA
TA

TA
TA
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TA
GA
(GRAK)
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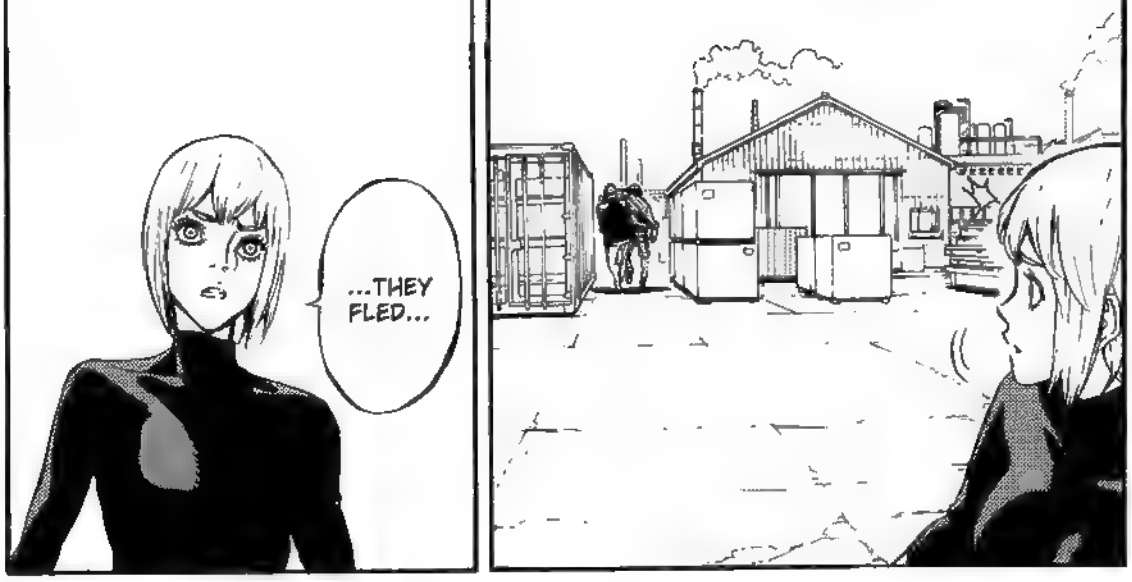
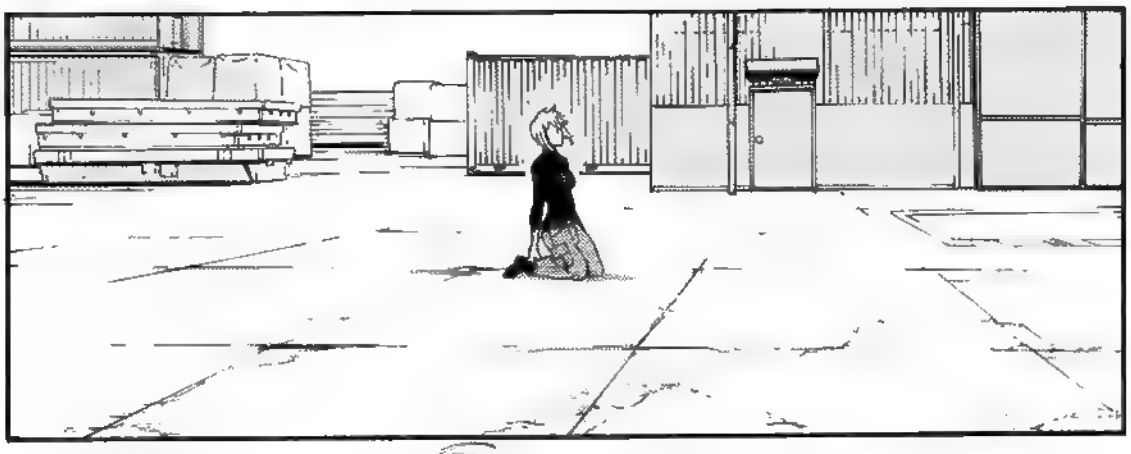
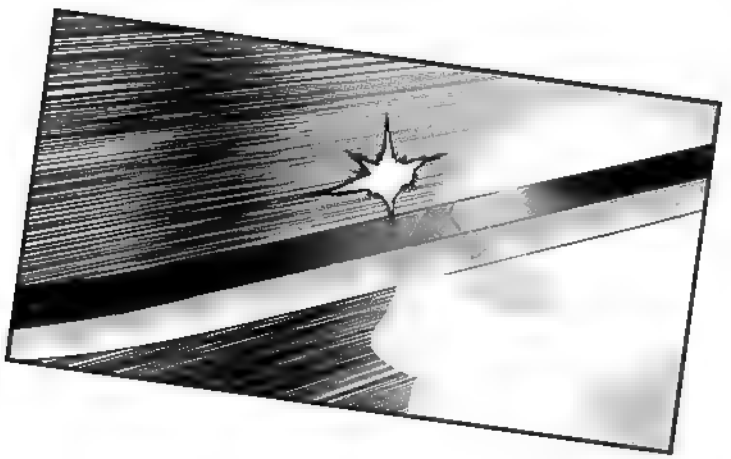
THAT WAS ON PURPOSE... I WANTED TO GIVE YOU TIME TO DODGE.
WHAT!?
I PROMISED A FRIEND I WOULDN'T KILL YOU.
DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD FINISH ME OFF, ACTING THAT UNNATURAL !?
NOT SO FAST...

THANKS TO YOU I'VE LEARNED A NEW WAY TO FIGHT
IT'S NOT THAT I TOOK YOU LIGHTLY
IN FACT I'M GRATEFUL
LET'S GO! WE LOST
ASHE! WHERE ARE YOU!?


...THEY FLED...



IN A BATTLE WHERE KILLING IS THE EXPECTED OUTCOME, YOU CAN CATCH THE ENEMY OFF GUARD BY CHOOSING NONFATAL METHODS...



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GUI (TUG)
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...

IF THIS THING GETS DESTROYED, HIJIKATA WILL DIE.
KACHA (CLINK)
カチャ
カチャ
KACHA
AH ...
IT'LL GO OFF UNLESS YOU TAKE IT BACK AND EXAMINE THE EXPLOSIVE BEFORE SHUTTING IT DOWN.
I-I SEE.

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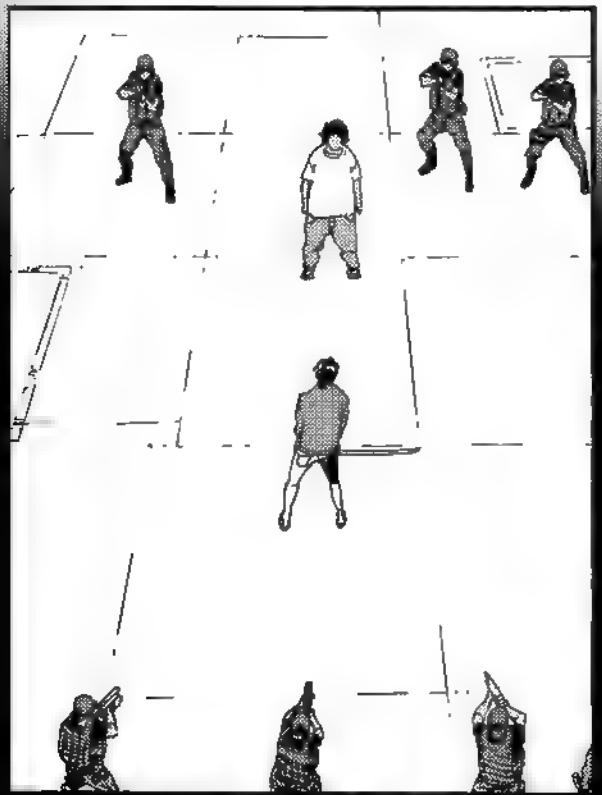

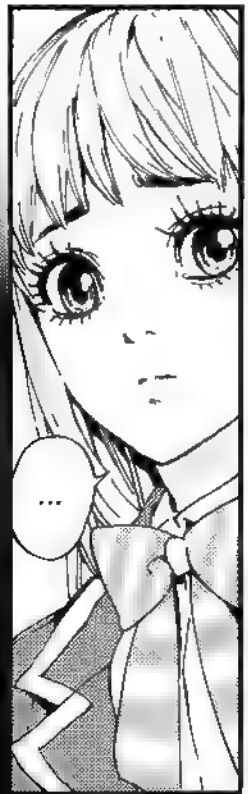
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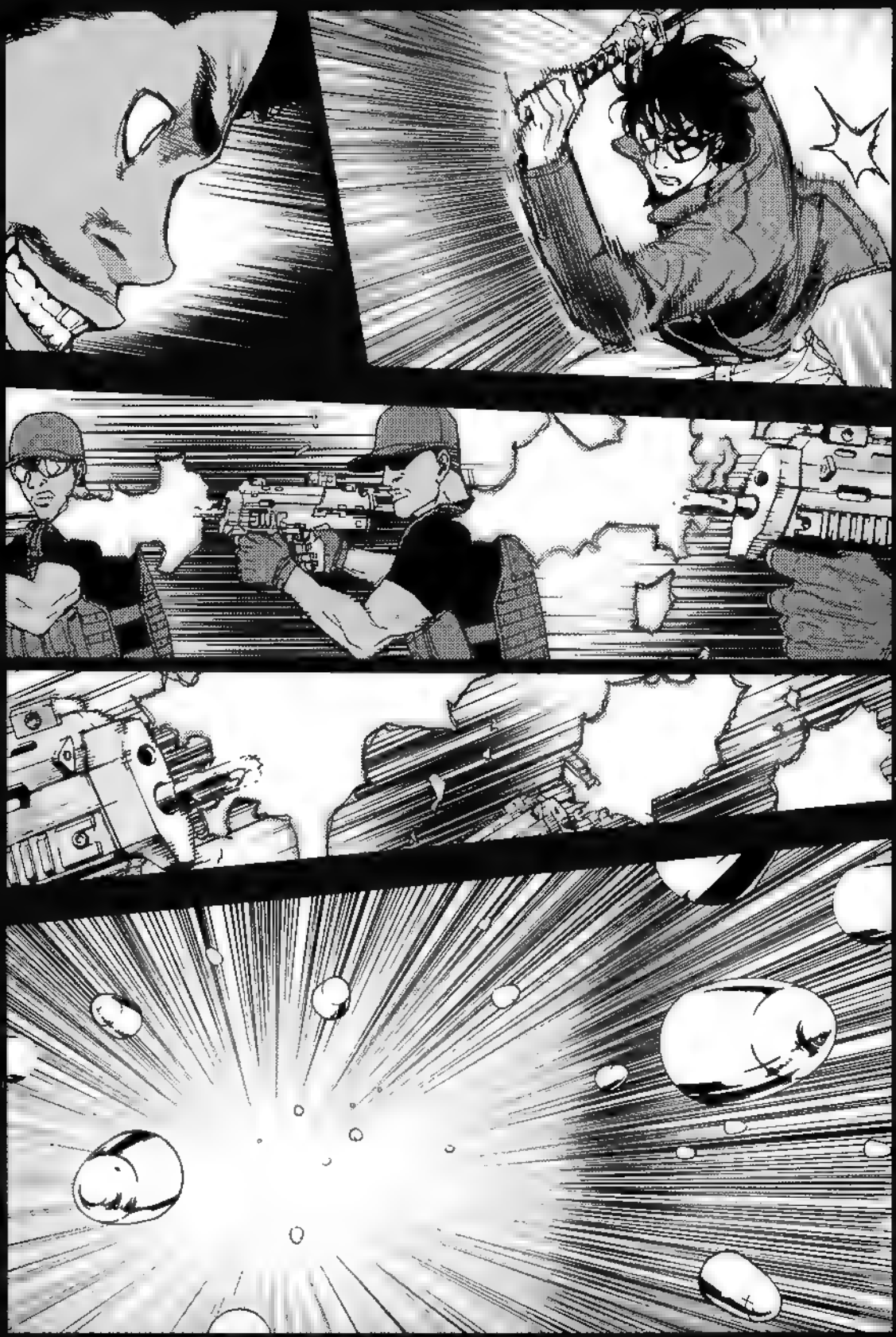
WHAT WERE YOU DOING, SHUTTING DOWN YOUR SYSTEMS LIKE THAT !?
YOU HAD ME FREAKIN' OUT, MAN!!

OR YOU GONNA STAND THERE AND GET SHOT?
YOU GONNA TRY ME?
...



I SEE...
NO GETTING OUT OF THIS ONE.

GU (TENSE)
SUU (SWIPE)
BUT AT THIS RANGE, I'M PRETTY SURE I COULD AT LEAST TAKE YOUR HEAD OFF BEFORE I GO.

...UH...
STILL WANT TO TRY ME?
THAT STANCE... HE AIN'T BLUFFIN' ...
HE CAN DO IT.

WOULD BE INTER-ESTING TO TEST, BUT...
HIS SKILL, OR MY SPEED?
SU (SWISH)
ズッ
YOU REALLY ARE A FASCINATING GUY.

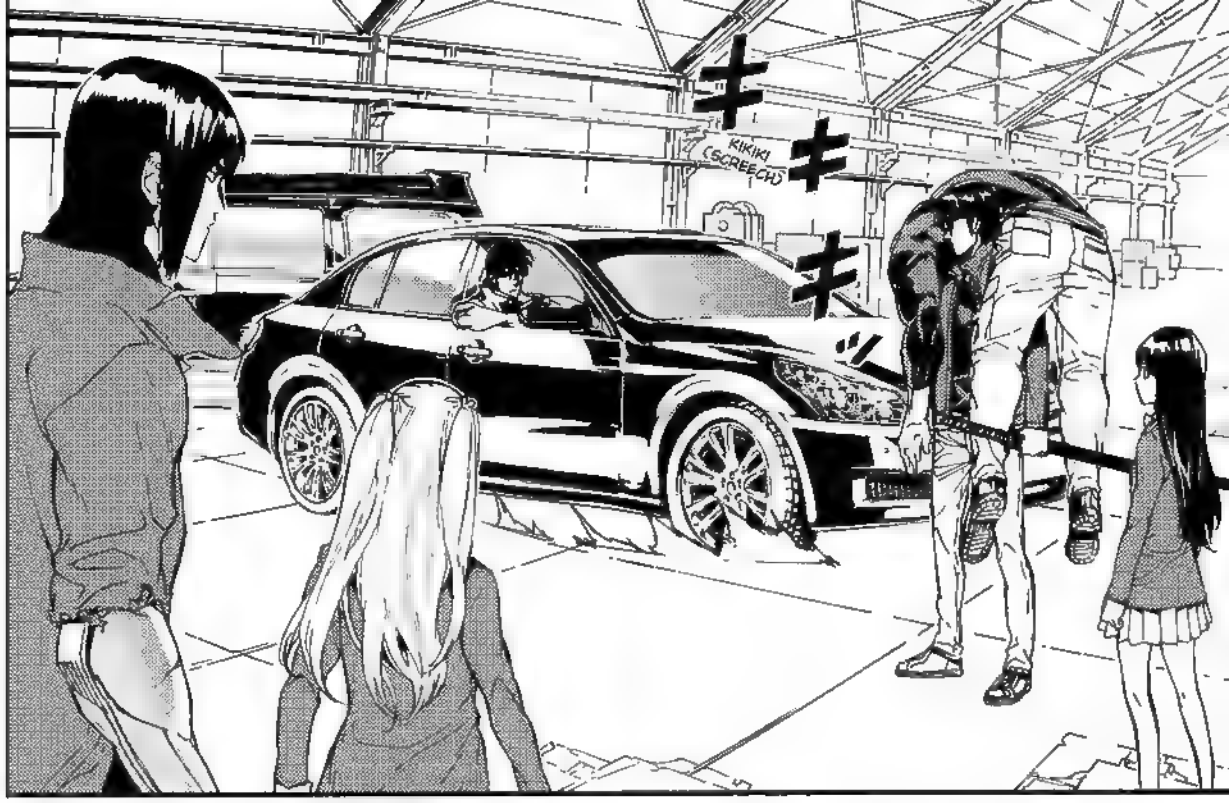
AT FIRST, I WANTED TO STRIKE A DEAL WITH YOU. THAT'S WHY I LET MYSELF GET CAUGHT.

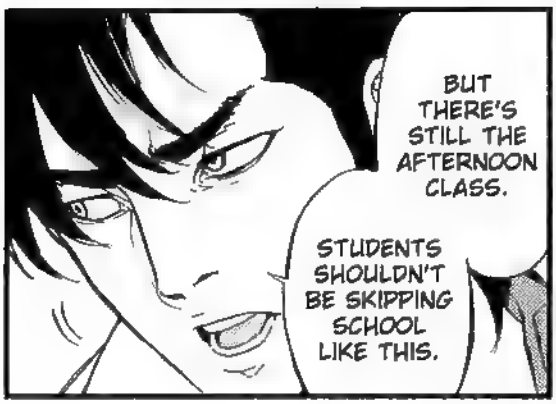
WHAT DO YOU WANT!?

WELL ...
THE ORIGINAL SCENARIO GOT SHOT TO SHIT WHEN THE GIRLS GOT INVOLVED.

WELL, WELL, WELL...
AHH...
...YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT...
SO?
WHAT'S YOUR DEAL?
DIDN'T THINGS GET THIS WAY BECAUSE YOU PUT ZELM IN CHARGE OF THE OPERATION?
...
NIYA (SMIRK)

WAIT, IS THAT...?
ONE OF THE NIGHT GAUNTS, FROM "24."
HEY, STUFF HAPPENS.
AH... OKAY.
ブオオオ
BUOOO (VRRM)
THINGS ARE CALMING DOWN—WE DON'T NEED HIM RAISING HELL AGAIN. YOU CAN'T OVERLOOK HIS POWER.


KIKIKI
(SCREECH)


BUT THERE'S STILL THE AFTERNOON CLASS.
STUDENTS SHOULDN'T BE SKIPPING SCHOOL LIKE THIS.

OTHER STUFF'S WRAPPED UP...

KITAGAMI, TOOYAMA, C'MON! WE'RE HEADING BACK TO CAMPUS!

DOSA
(THUMP)
WE'LL TAKE KAIEDA-SENSEI WITH US.
...
DON'T WANT THINGS GETTING COMPLICATED.

OH, BY THE WAY.
キュルルル
KYURURURU (SCREECH)
バタン
BATAN (SLAM)

YOU OWE ME FOR THIS ONE.

...I HEAR YA...

BLOOD (VRMM)
ブオオオ

I CAN HELP YOU STOP THE BLEEDING.
NO NEED.
ボ
(FWOOM)
ウ
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ジュウウウ
(FZZZ)
THAT SHOULD DO FOR NOW.
HE CAUTERIZED IT...

WILL THE VAN RUN?
SHE NEEDS SOME WORK, BUT SHE CAN STILL GET US HOME.
I'LL TAKE HIM WITH ME. HE NEEDS TO BE TURNED OVER TO THE POLICE.
HE'S ALL YOURS.
BUT HOW ABOUT YOU, MAN!?
I HEAR YOU CAN USE SASAKI KOJIRO'S "TSUBAME-GAESHI" AS YOUR ULTIMATE ATTACK!?
!?
...HE SAW RIGHT THROUGH ME...
...

THAT ONLY WORKED ON ZELM BECAUSE HE COULD DEFLECT BLOWS WITH THE THINNEST OF MARGINS.
IT WOULDN'T BE EFFECTIVE ON AN OPPONENT WHO DODGED WITH SUPERIOR AGILITY OR BLOCKED ATTACKS LIKE AEGIS.
THERE ARE NO "ULTIMATE ATTACKS" IN REAL LIFE.
WHA?
RATHER, THE TRUE SKILL COMES IN USING SIMPLE MOVES...
...
OH... R-REALLY?
...AND KNOWING THE PRECISE ORDER WITH WHICH TO USE THEM TO ASSURE VICTORY.

...
THE THING IS...
IT'S REALLY NO DIFFERENT FROM CHESS, OR GO, OR SHOGI.
...HUH ...?
ONCE YOU BECOME A MASTER, YOU CAN FASHION THE SHORTCUT TO THAT PROCESS WITHOUT HAVING TO THINK ABOUT IT.
IT'S JUST A THOUGHT THAT CAME TO ME.
???
(GACHA ~CLICK)
ガチャ
BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO UNDER-STAND THAT.

ブオオオ
BUOOOO (VRRRM)
IF YOU INTEND TO BE MY WIFE ONE DAY...
...THEN DON'T GET DESPONDENT OVER EVERY LITTLE THING!!
YOU KNOW THAT THING YOU SAID EARLIER?
U-UM, HEY...
SO...
JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY, UM...
WHAT?

...
HUH !?
YEAH ...
...
...
?

I...
...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, TOOYAMA-SAN?
...HH...
...
...
I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE WITH MAMORU-SAN...

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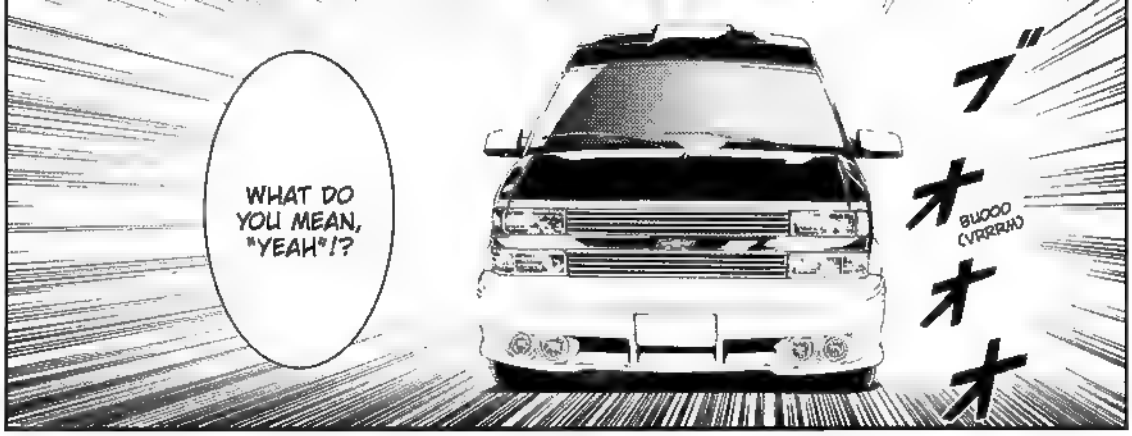
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "YEAH"!?
ブオオオオ
BUOOO (VRRRH)

YOU KNOW WHAT YOU SAID! WHAT'S YOUR PLAN!?
I'M YOURS.

IF I HADN'T SAID IT AT THE TIME, SHE WOULDN'T HAVE KEPT HER WITS ABOUT HER.
MAN... ARE YOU REALLY THAT DUMB?

HUH!? WHAT DO YOU THINK MY PLAN IS!?
I SAID THAT I'D MARRY HER IF SHE DIDN'T CHANGE HER MIND BY THE TIME SHE GREW UP. THAT'S ALL.

TRUE...SHE DID STOP PANICKING AFTER THAT—
...

SO...YOU NEVER EXPECTED TO...
SHE'LL FIND SOMEONE APPROPRIATE TO HER AGE.

OF COURSE NOT. WHAT GROWN MAN IS GOING TO ASK A LITTLE GIRL TO MARRY HIM?
THAT'S SICK.

...DOES HE HAVE ANY IDEA HOW GIRLS THAT AGE THINK !?

IF THE PLAN I'M WORKING ON PANS OUT, SHE WON'T NEED TO BE PROTECTED BY A MAN LIKE ME ANYMORE.
ONCE SHE NO LONGER NEEDS ME TO SURVIVE, HOW LONG IS A THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL GONNA CARRY A TORCH FOR AN OLD GUY LIKE ME?

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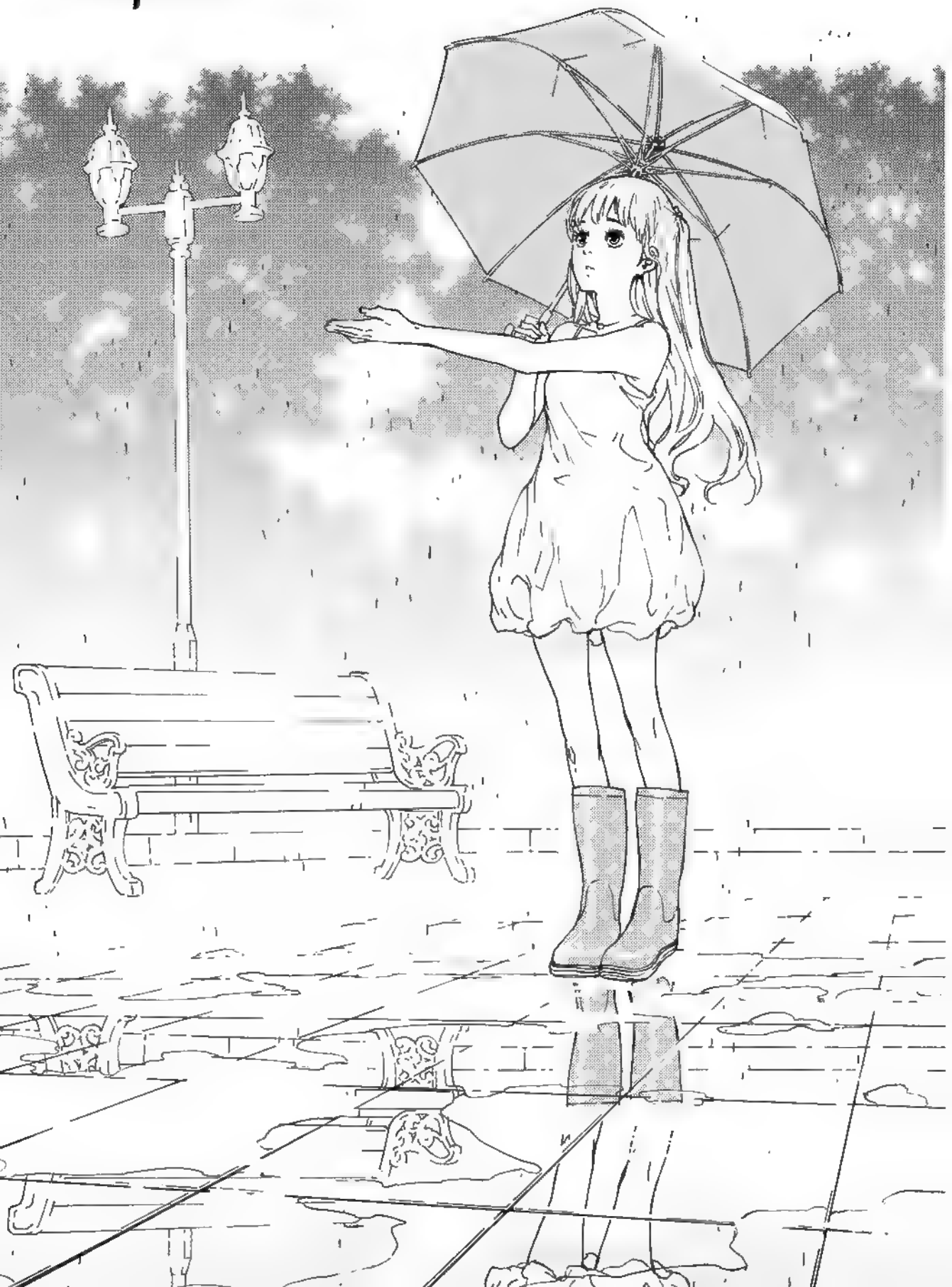

ウィィィン
(VVHEEE)
KURU
(SPIN)
SU
(SHH)
HOW SLOPPY OF ME.
NEVER EVEN NOTICED YOU JUMPED ON THE CAR.

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I BEAR YOU NO ILL WILL.

YOU BEEN WATCHING US THE WHOLE TIME DURING THIS BATTLE?

ブオオ
BUOOO
VRRRM
I WISH TO ASK YOU FOR SOMETHING.
MIGHT I RIDE WITH YOU BACK TO THE SCHOOL? FUJISAWA-SENSEI'S CAR WAS AT MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY.
WAS THIS BECAUSE OF YOUR CEASE-FIRE WITH JESUS? HOW NOBLE OF YOU.
BUT IF THE FIGHTING HAD GOTTEN ANY TIGHTER, I WAS PREPARED TO INTERCEDE.
...
I'M NOT ASKING FOR LUXURIES.
I'M FINE UP HERE, OF COURSE.
I'M NOT A FAN OF PUTTING A FIGHTER LIKE YOU IN A CRAMPED INTERIOR LIKE THIS.
I'D BE AT AN EXTREME DISADVAN-TAGE.

!?
WHY DID YOU MAKE THAT DEAL WITH THE BLACK UNIT?
スッ
SU (SHH)

HIRE ME.
YOU'VE SEEN WHAT I CAN DO.
I CAN HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS.
HUH!?

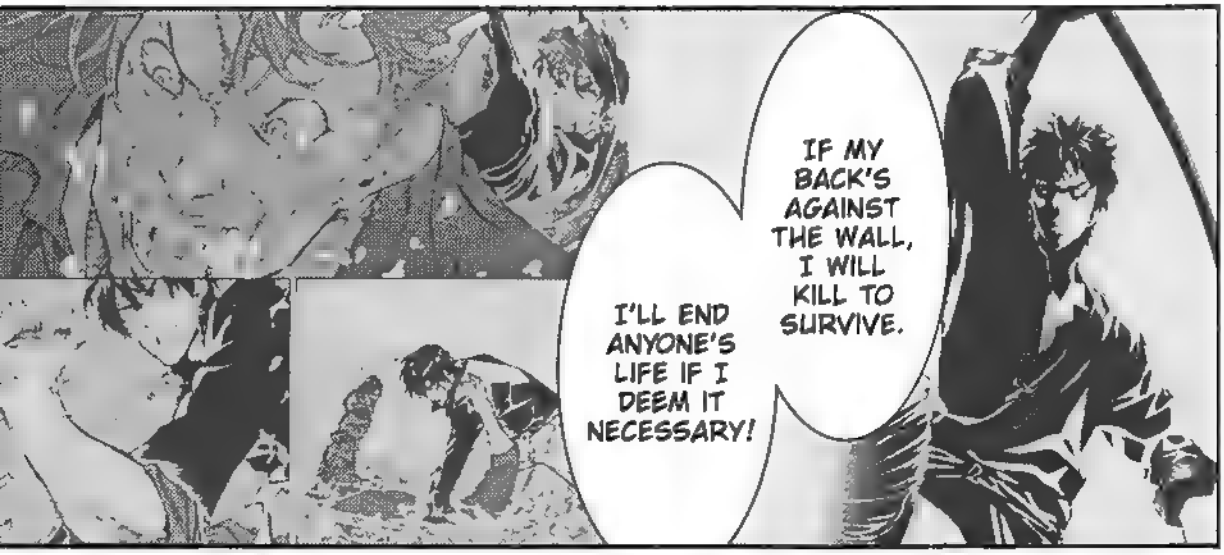
I GOT MY INFO FROM WISEMAN.
MY... GOALS?
...
...I SEE...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRUST ME. BUT IF WE'RE AFTER THE SAME THING, IT'S DEFINITELY WORTH CONSIDERING.
SO YOU'RE NOT JUST SAYIN' SHIT TO SAY IT.
BUT DO YOU REALLY THINK WE'RE GONNA TRUST A JAPANESE ON THIS?

...
I'M SAYING THAT I'LL KILL THE GUY YOU WANT DEAD FOR YOU.
YOU REALLY NEED TO CONSIDER THAT?
BUT ON ONE CONDITION.
...ALL RIGHT...
LET'S FIND SOMEWHERE ELSE TO DISCUSS THIS.

AND IF YOU CAN'T ABIDE THAT, THE DEAL'S OFF.
...
...

...
SO HE DID OVER-HEAR US...
スゥ...
SUUU (RISE)
GU (GRIP)
ガ
KNOWING THE NATURE OF YOUR ORGANIZA-TION, HOW DO YOU EXPECT THAT TO HAPPEN?

KACHA (CLICK)
カチャッ
THE ELEMENT NETWORK MIGHT BE KIND AT HEART...
DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA.
...BUT MY PERSONALITY IS ANYTHING BUT.
SUBA
スラァ...


IF MY BACK'S AGAINST THE WALL, I WILL KILL TO SURVIVE.
I'LL END ANYONE'S LIFE IF I DEEM IT NECESSARY!

THE SAME WAY I ALWAYS HAVE.

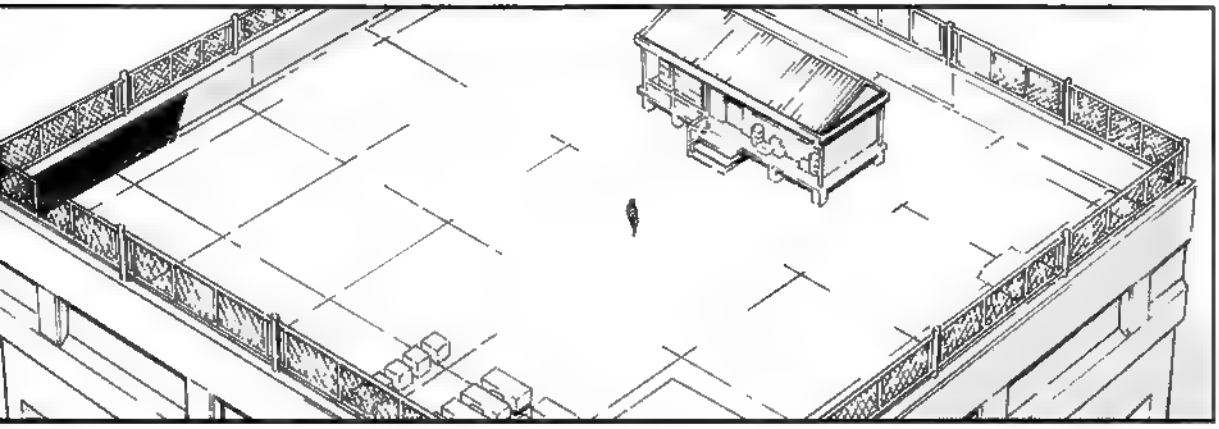
GOOD INTEL—I CAN SEE YOU'RE NOT THE HEAD OF DRAGON'S GATE FOR NOTHING.
THE ONLY THING I DOUBT YOU REALLY KNOW IS HIS TRUE INTENTION.
...
BUT ARE YOU TRULY GOING TO LEAVE THAT EXPLOSIVE PLANTED IN YOUR MOUTH FROM NOW ON?
I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT YOU TRUST THAT MAN GENIE FROM THE BLACK UNIT.
BLOOOD TRAIN!!
オオオ
BUT I KNOW IT.
AND I KNOW THAT HE NEEDS SOMEONE LIKE ME TO HELP HIM ACHIEVE THAT GOAL!

IT'S WHAT I WANTED. I KNOW WHAT I'M GETTING INTO.
TO ME, THE MEANS JUSTIFY THE END!
THERE IS MUCH BAD KARMA IN YOUR PAST.
HE TALKIN' TO HIM-SELF?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
SO? WHAT DID YOU WANT TO DISCUSS?
BUOOO

WHAT !?
NOTHING. I'M JUST HAPPY TO UNDERSTAND YOU A BIT BETTER.
YOU ARE OF A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT TYPE THAN JESUS OR AEGIS...
...ONE WHO HAS ABANDONED ANY OTHER WAY OF LIFE...
AN ASCETIC. A SEEKER OF THE WAY.

HMPH ...
AND YET YOU HAVE A SOFT SPOT FOR CHILDREN.
IGAWA! STOP RIGHT HERE.
WHAT? NOW!?
YOU CAN TAKE MY SEAT, DRAGON'S GATE.
TA (TEK)
!?
GARA (SHHUNK)

... ABOUT ...
SU (SWISH)
!?
I'VE GOT BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF. ONCE YOU'VE DROPPED HIM OFF, GET BACK TO YOUR POSITION.
UM, WHAT!? WHO ARE YOU TALKING ...
HUH !?
LIU YIJIAN!? WHY!?
NICE TO MEET YOU.



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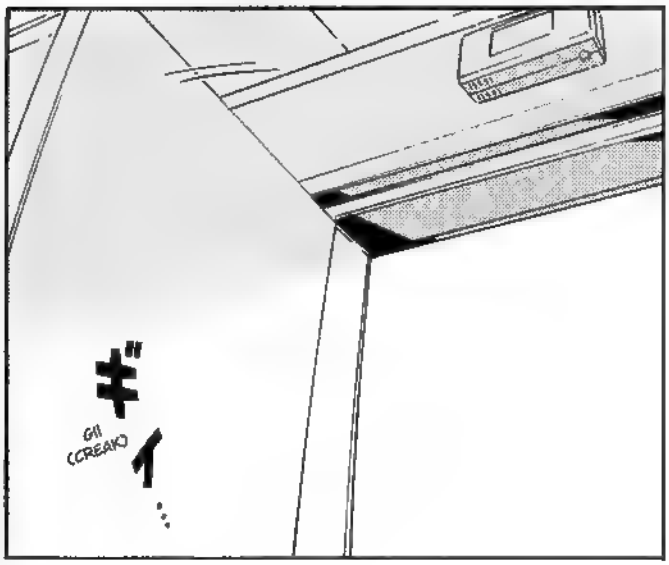

THAT WAS A LOT FASTER THAN I EXPECTED.

...OHO...
HE'S A TOUGH ONE.
I SEE... NO WONDER JESUS HAD TROUBLE WITH THIS GUY.
THE PREPARATIONS ARE NOW COMPLETE.

SO LET'S HEAR THE REST OF YOUR PLAN.
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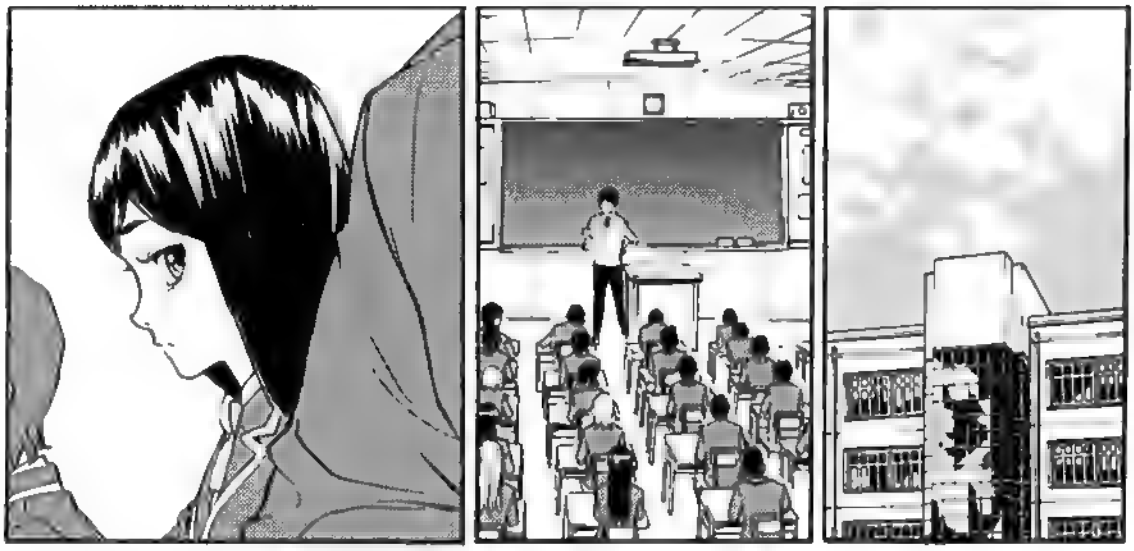

Ding-
dong...
...
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN READY FOR THAT...

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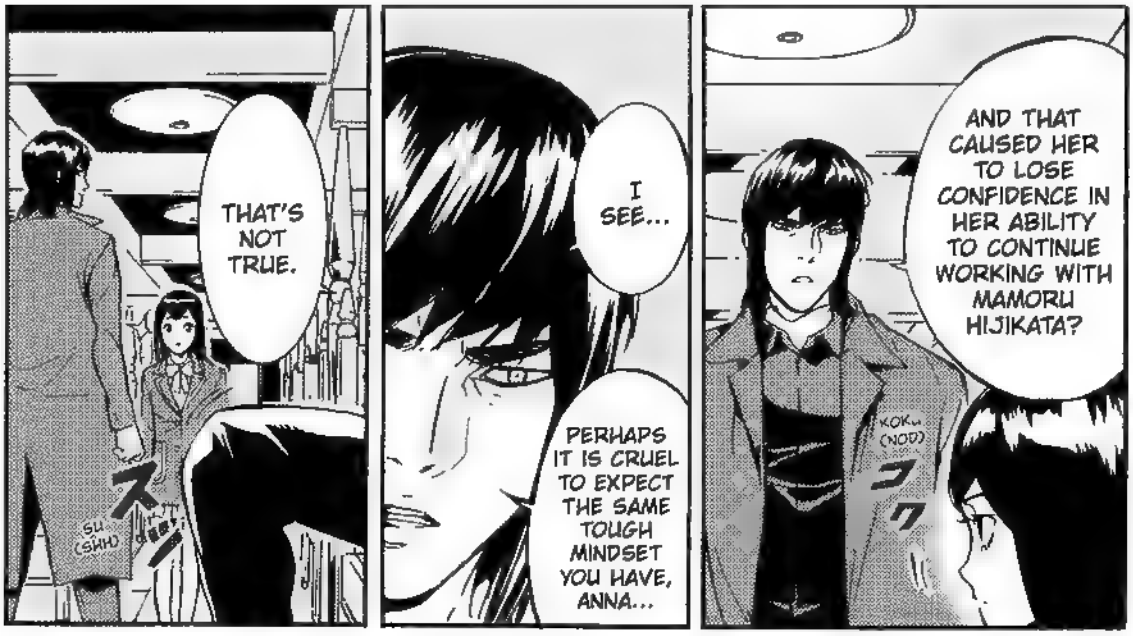
YES. ONLY TEMPORARILY, BUT SHE WAS INDEED BLIND TO THE FUTURE FOR A TIME.
HARUKA TOOYAMA'S FORESIGHT DIDN'T WORK?
I SUSPECT IT WAS THE PRESENCE OF A PERSON SHE COULD NOT SEE IN THE MIDST OF THAT COMPLEX, MANY-SIDED BATTLE.
AND THAT CAUSED HER TO PANIC?
SO ANYTHING THAT SHE CANNOT FATHOM INHIBITS HER PREDICTORY SENSES.
HER FORESIGHT IS ACTUALLY AN ACUTE, SAVANT-LEVEL ABILITY TO CONJECTURE FUTURE POSSIBILITIES.

YES. SAY, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT IN AN EMERGENCY YOU SUDDENLY LOST YOUR VISION AND HEARING.
IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE A VALID CAUSE FOR PANIC DUE TO EXTERNAL STRESS, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?

SOMETHING VERY MUCH LIKE THAT HAPPENED TO TOOYAMA-SAN BACK THERE.

IT WAS SO FAR OUTSIDE OF HER EXPECTA-TIONS.
IT'S A TYPICAL RESPONSE FOR A NORMAL GIRL, BUT IT MUST HAVE BEEN AN INTENSE SHOCK TO HER.


THAT'S NOT TRUE.
SU (SWD)
I SEE...
PERHAPS IT IS CRUEL TO EXPECT THE SAME TOUGH MINDSET YOU HAVE, ANNA...
AND THAT CAUSED HER TO LOSE CONFIDENCE IN HER ABILITY TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH MAMORU HIJIKATA?
KOKU (NOD)

OOH, OUCH...
AGENT GENDA!?

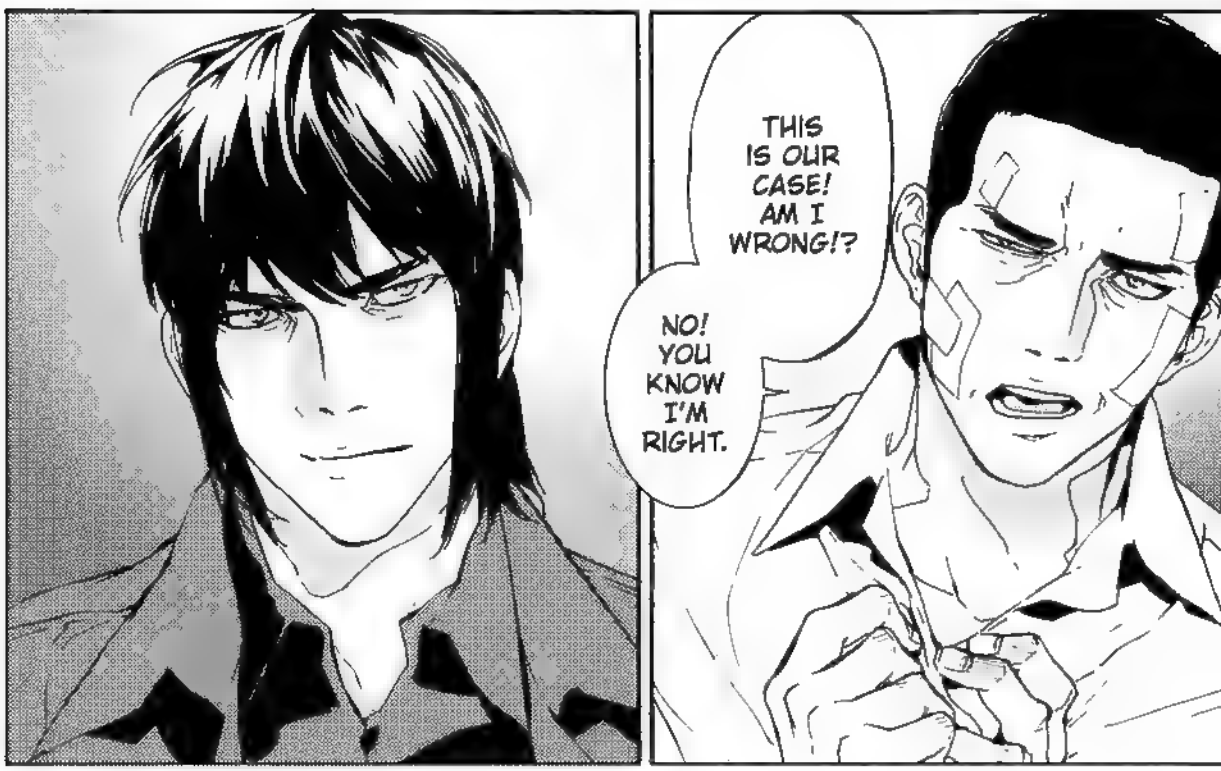
KARITO...
HAVE YOU BEEN HERE THIS WHOLE TIME?
...HE WAS SLEEPING EARLIER.
IT'S FINE.
HE ALREADY HAD A SUSPICION ABOUT HARUKA TOOYAMA'S ABILITIES.
EVERYONE LIVES WITH HOPES AND FEARS FOR THE FUTURE.
THERE'S A PROPER WAY OF LIFE FOR EVERY AGE...
...AND IT'S UP TO EACH INDIVIDUAL TO FIGURE THAT OUT AS THEY GO ALONG.

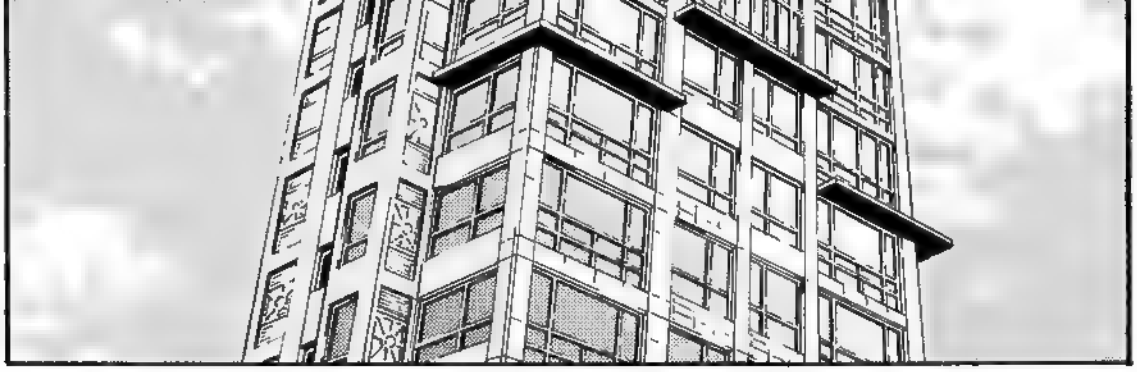
...
...
SAME FOR YOU?
YOU HAD A CHILD-HOOD TOO. REMEMBER THE HARD TIMES, THE SAD TIMES?

PUT SIMPLY, SHE IS TOO INTELLIGENT FOR HER OWN SAFETY.
ANNA'S LIFE HAS BEEN ENDANGERED BY AN ORGANIZATION SINCE BEFORE SHE MET ME AT THE AGE OF SIX.

BUT EVERYONE'S GOTTA LIVE WITHIN THEIR OWN SET OF CIRCUM-STANCES.
...
BEING A PROXY AGENT FOR A HIRED BODYGUARD ISN'T THE KIND OF JOB A TYPICAL GIRL DOES.
I SEE... MAKES SENSE.
GOD DOESN'T TREAT YOU SPECIAL JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT SPECIAL QUALITIES, DOES HE?
...
YOU'RE RIGHT...
SHE'S A YOUNG GIRL, AND SHE'S GRAPPLING WITH A BRIEF BIT OF FAILURE. IT'S NOT FOR US TO GO BLOWING IT OUT OF PROPORTION.

IN THAT CONDI-TION?
SURU (SLIP)
SO...
SHALL WE?


THIS IS OUR CASE! AM I WRONG!?
NO! YOU KNOW I'M RIGHT.



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KACHI
(CLICK)
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KACHI
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KACHI
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GARA
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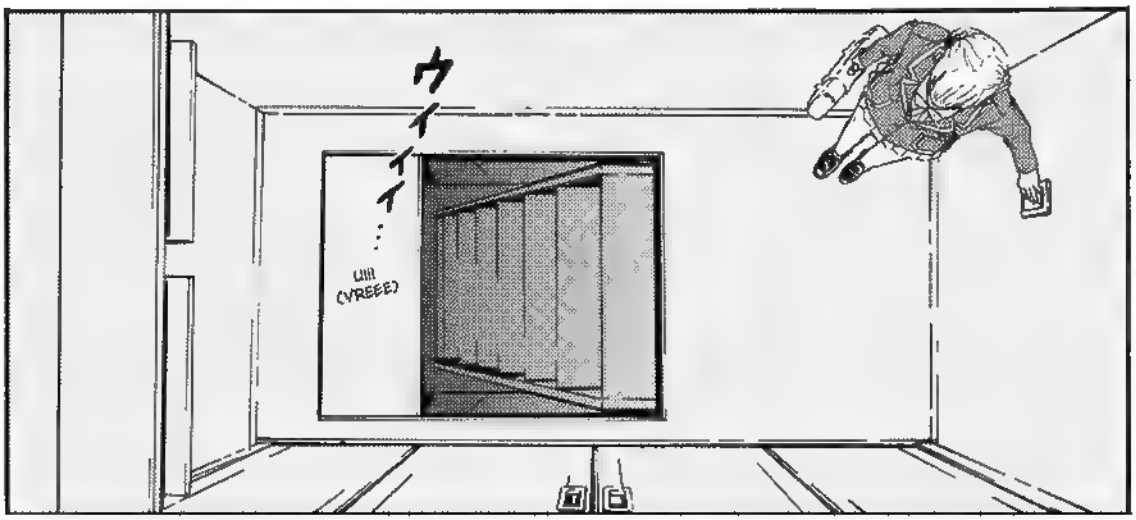
GARA
(RATTLE)


ウイイイ…
UIII
(VREEE)

キョロ
KYORO (SWIVEL)
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KYORO
…
…
IGAWA-SAN?
…
…
ズズズ
ZUZUZU (SLIDE)
SIGH…
ドサッ
DOSA (THUMP)

I NEVER REALIZED I WAS SUCH A COWARD...
HUH!?
I'M YOURS
THAT WASN'T HOW HE REALLY FEELS ANYWAY
...NO THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE GETTING EXCITED!

ゴン
ゴン
HE WAS FAST IN DRESSED WITH HER
AND I'M JUST STAND AROUND BE WITH

MMM!!
ベチッ
BECHI (SMACK)
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
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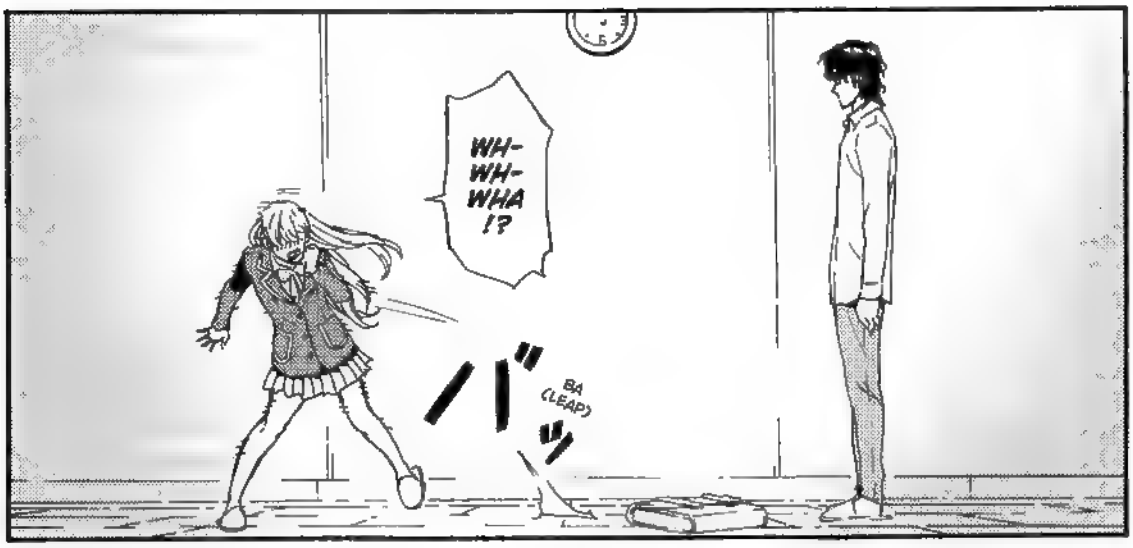

WH-WH-WHA!?
バッ
BA (LEAP)

O-OKAY!
U-UMM...

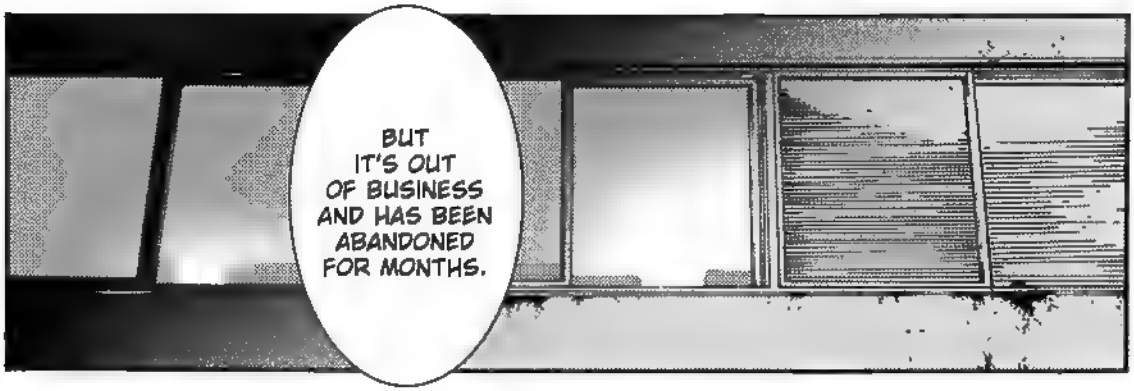
WHAT!?

QUIT BEING A WEIRDO AND COOK DINNER!
IT'S YOUR TURN.

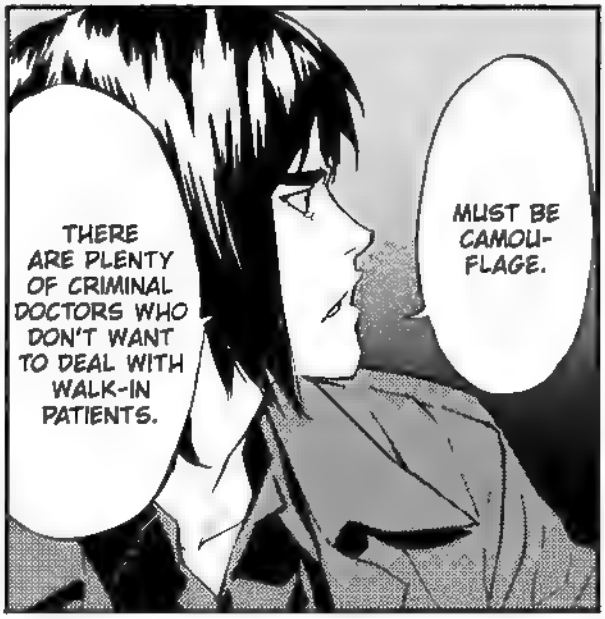
THE VAN'S BUSTED, SO HE WENT TO GET IT REPAIRED.
HE'LL BE BACK IN THE UNIMOG IN NO TIME.
WHERE'S... IGAWA-SAN?
IS...
...IS THAT SO?
???
I'LL GET STARTED RIGHT AWAY.
TA (TEK)
TA

南岸病院

THIS LOCATION IN SAITAMA IS THE ONLY "MINAMITOUGE HOSPITAL" ON RECORD.


BUT IT'S OUT OF BUSINESS AND HAS BEEN ABANDONED FOR MONTHS.

IT LOOKS CLOSED, BUT THE EQUIPMENT'S STILL THERE. IF THEY'VE BEEN KEEPING IT ALL IN SHAPE, THIS COULD BE THE PLACE WE WANT.


THERE ARE PLENTY OF CRIMINAL DOCTORS WHO DON'T WANT TO DEAL WITH WALK-IN PATIENTS.
MUST BE CAMOU-FLAGE.

YES. HE SOLD OUT TURUS, WHO IS ESSENTIALLY AN OUTSIDER...
...TO KEEP US FROM APPREHENDING HIS BLACK UNIT.
IF THAT ZELM FELLOW WASN'T LYING...
...THEN TURUS IS HIDING OUT HERE, YOU MEAN?
DON'T COUNT HIM OUT JUST BECAUSE HE'S INJURED.
GACHA (CLICK)
ガチャ
WELL, AIN'T THAT SWEET.
GACHA
ガチャ
NOTHIN' YOU CAN'T SAY ABOUT THE BOTH OF US.

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GON
(BONK)
ゴン
GON

Until
Death
do us
Part

THIS ISN'T SOME ABANDONED FACTORY LIKE EARLIER.
A POLICE OFFICER CAN'T GO BARGING ONTO PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT A WARRANT.
WH-WHAT?
I WANT YOU TO WAIT BACK HERE.
...

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do us
Part

BUT YOU CAN PROBABLY BEND THE RULES A BIT IF IT HAPPENS AFTER A DIS-TURBANCE.
BAKI (CRUNCH)
THE FORCE NEEDS YOU.
LET AN OUTSIDER DO THE DIRTY WORK HERE.
... DAMMIT ...

SOME-
THING'S
NOT
RIGHT...
...
WHAT'S
THIS WEIRD
FEELING I'M
GETTING
WHEN
I'M NOT
SENSING
ANYONE'S
PRESENCE
?

!!
HH
HH
BGH
!!

THIS MAKES NO SENSE ...
SHOT IN THE BACK WITHOUT A HINT OF A GUN!
WHO'S THERE!?
DA DASH!!
NO...
IS IT SOMEONE SO SKILLED I CAN'T EVEN SENSE THEIR PRESENCE?
THAT'S NOT IT! I DON'T SENSE ANY "WILL" BEHIND IT!

GA
GA
(GAKO)

DADA
(DASH)

GASHAN
(CRASH)

WHAT IS IT!?

STAY OUT!

... BREEZE ???
WHAT KIND OF TOOL...?
THE ECHO IS STRANGE ...

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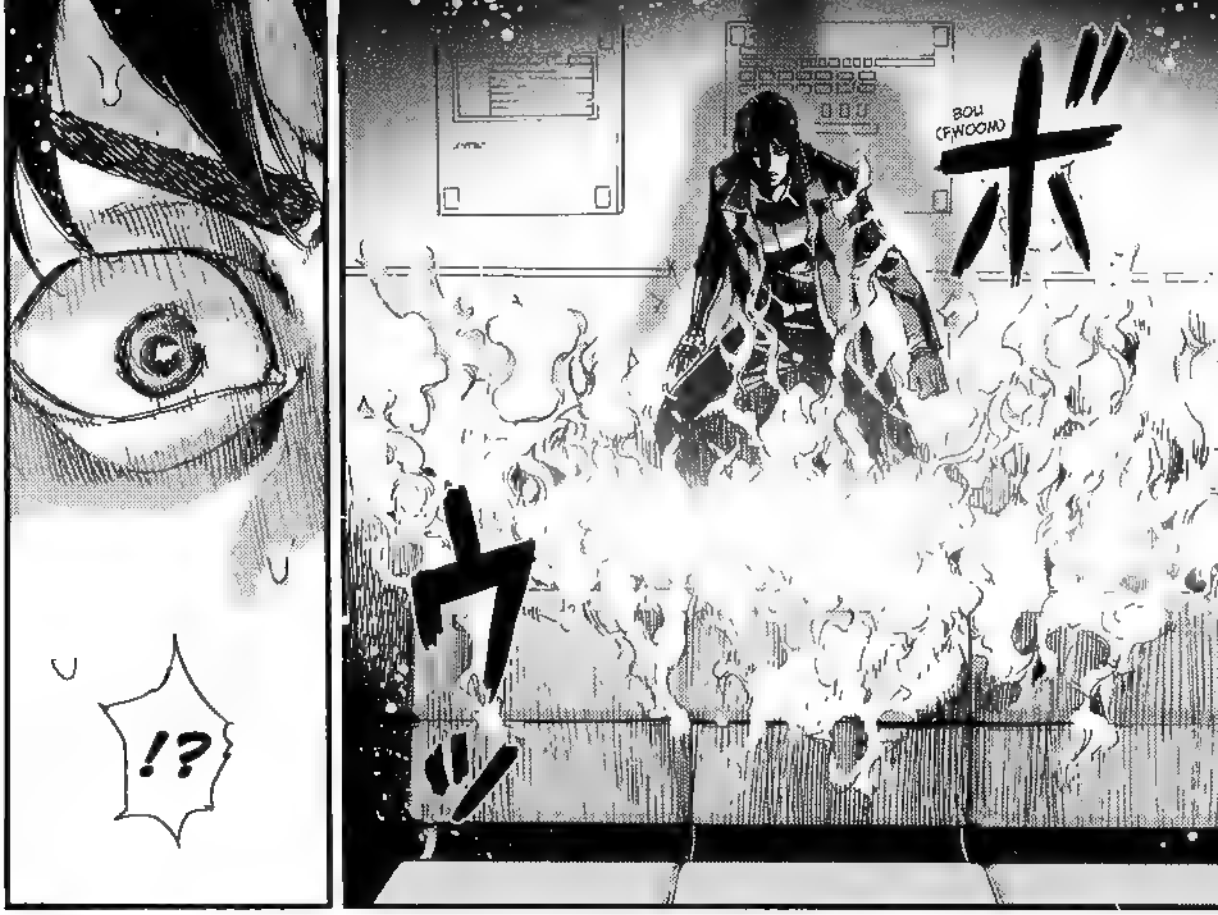
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BOW (FWOOM)
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GOHHH (FWUMM)
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GABA (JAW)
RRRGH !!

UNMANNED DRONES!?

A SOUND CANCEL-LER!?
THE NOISELESS GUNSHOT WASN'T FROM A SUPPRES-SOR!
KARITO TATE, THE "PROTEC-TOR."
!?
...ARE YOU EDGE TURUS ...!?
SU SHIH
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IS IT STRANGE TO YOU THAT I'M UP AND ABOUT AFTER LOSING BOTH ARMS AND A LEG?

BUT BEST OF ALL
THEY'LL BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND THE BATTLE
THIS LEFT ARM AND RIGHT LEG ARE THE FINEST AMERICAN MILITARY GRADE PROSTHETICS
IS THIS RIGHT ARM SO PRECISE POWERFUL AND RESPONSIVE
キュッ

AND AFTER A WEEK WITH IT, I COULD GET IT TO REMEMBER FINE MOVEMENTS.
I GOT THIS ONE ATTACHED AFTER HAVING THE REST OF MY ARM REMOVED UP TO THE SHOULDER TWO WEEKS AGO. IT'S AN INCREDIBLE PIECE OF CRAFTSMANSHIP.
IT ONLY TOOK HALF A DAY TO LEARN HOW TO CONTROL IT AT WILL.
THANKS TO YOUR INCREDIBLE COLLECTION OF DATA.
...
THE SIGHT OF FLAME CAUSES PAIN TO COURSE THROUGH YOUR LOST RIGHT ARM.
ONCE I GOT THIS PROSTHETIC, I FIGURED IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL WE MET.
I'M ALREADY AWARE OF YOUR WEAKNESS.

THEY CALL IT "PHANTOM PAIN."
YOU FEEL THE LAST SENSATION FROM YOUR ARM RIPPED AWAY BY AN EXPLOSION.
YOU LOOK LIKE HELL, IN FACT.
WORST OF ALL, BECAUSE IT'S ALL IN YOUR HEAD, THERE'S NO PAINKILLER TO STOP IT.
IS THERE !?

IF I SCREW UP THE ENTRANCE, KATE IS DEAD.
WHAT DO I DO?

EXCELLENT LITTLE BODY-GUARDS, IF I SAY SO MYSELF.
BODYGUARD VS. BODY-GUARD. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT?
THESE ARE EXPERI-MENTAL AMERICAN "RAPTOR" DRONES.
THE ARMY WAS WORKING ON A SIMILAR DEVICE, BUT THESE ONES CAME FROM THE MARINES.
THEY WERE REPRO-GRAMMED TO ASSIST LANDING OPERATIONS.
SHI (SHH)
DOESN'T IT SOUND THRILL-ING?
PI (BEEP)
ZUBA (SLICE)
HNNG!

YOUR BULLET-PROOF COAT MIGHT DEADEN PROJECTILES, BUT IT WON'T STOP BLADES, IT SEEMS.

...YOU SON OF A BITCH ...
ISN'T THIS EXACTLY HOW HIJIKATA LOPPED OFF YOUR LIMBS IN THE FIRST PLACE?
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO GLOAT?

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO DIE THAT BADLY!?

GAGAIN (KT AANG)

DON (BLAM)

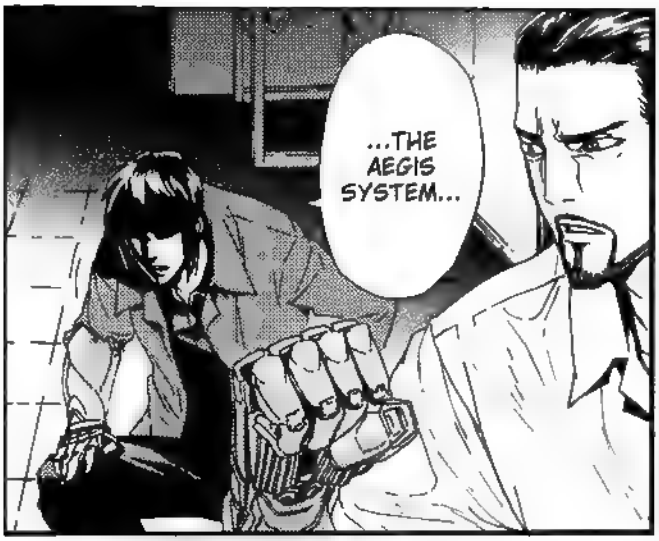
SHIT!

DON

WHAT'S THIS!?

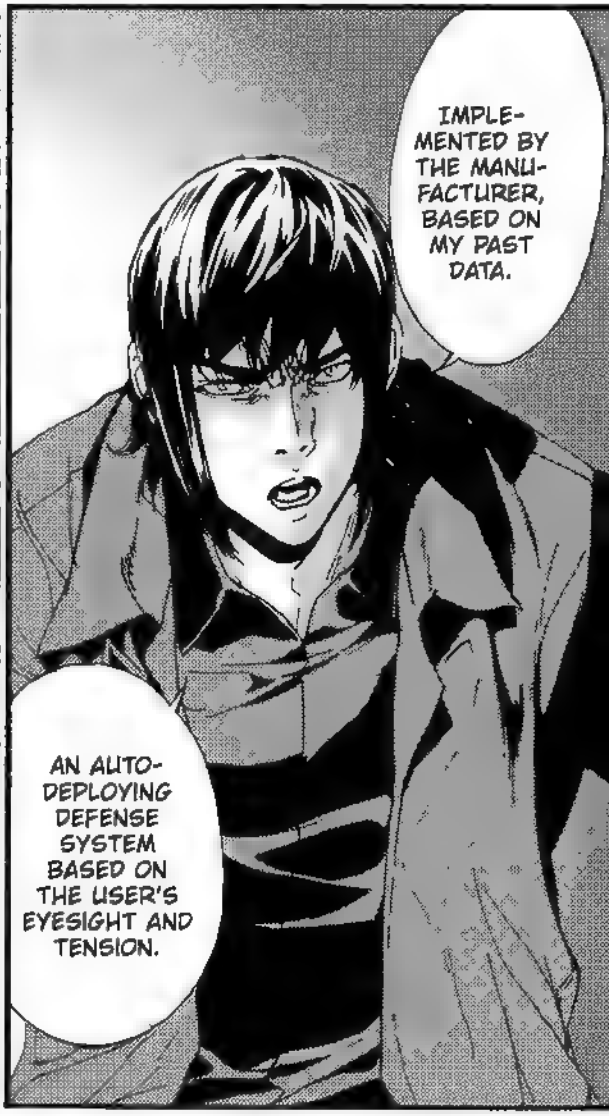
SHIT!

GAGAIN
(KTAANG)
WHAT'S THIS!?


...THE AEGIS SYSTEM...

WHAT WAS THAT!?

THIS IS... FANTASTIC ...
IT'S EVEN BETTER THAN I'D REALIZED.


IMPLE-MENTED BY THE MANU-FACTURER, BASED ON MY PAST DATA.
AN AUTO-DEPLOYING DEFENSE SYSTEM BASED ON THE USER'S EYESIGHT AND TENSION.

NOW I CAN USE THIS ARM TO SLAUGHTER HIJIKATA ...
...AND FINALLY SEIZE HARUKA TOOYAMA!
THEN SHE'LL PRODUCE A FORTUNE FOR ME UNTIL THE DAY SHE DIES!!
UNTIL I'VE GOT EVERY-THING IN THE WORLD!!

THAT WON'T HAPPEN!
NOT WHILE I OPPOSE YOU!!

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Death
do us
Part

THE AEGIS SYSTEM INSTALLED IN THE "UNTITLED" MODEL...
...IS A PROTO-TYPE SYSTEM THAT CONTROLS THE MUSCLES BASED ON KARITO'S VAST EXPERIENCE DATA.
SIGN: AISORA MEDICAL UNIVERSITY
YOU SEE, KARITO'S SKILLED ENOUGH TO SENSE A SNIPER'S MALICE AND GAZE...
...AND HE USES HIS RIGHT HAND TO BLOCK THE TRAJECTORY OF THE PROJECTILE.

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SO WE DISTILLED IT DOWN TO WHAT MUSCLE REACTIONS HE HAD AND WHAT HE WAS LOOKING AT WHILE UNDER FIRE AND INSTALLED THE RESULTS AS PROGRAM DATA.
CORRECT. BUT THIS IS OUR TEST LAB.
WE MUST TEST AND RESEARCH EVERY POSSIBLE FUNCTION.
WHY WOULD YOU NEED TO INSTALL THIS STUFF INTO A PROSTHETIC ARM!?
ISN'T THIS BEING DEVELOPED FOR THE VICTIMS OF ACCIDENTS OR DISEASE?
SO WE'RE PRIORITIZING FUNCTIONS THAT WILL BE MOST USEFUL TO A BODY-GUARD.
BESIDES, IT'S KARITO HIMSELF WHO IS FUNDING THIS NEW EXPERIMENTAL PROSTHETIC.

IT ONLY WORKS AT ABOUT 20% OF ITS INTENDED FUNCTIONALITY, SO THERE'S NOT MUCH TO WORRY ABOUT.
IN ORDER TO ACTUALLY BLOCK BULLETS, YOU NEED NOT ONLY KARITO'S LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE, BUT YOU'LL NEED AUGMENTATION SURGERY ON YOUR SHOULDER.
AT THIS POINT, IT'S JUST A ROUGH EXPERIMENTAL APPLICATION. WE HAVEN'T GOT IT FUNCTIONAL YET.
KATA (TAP)
KATA
SO THAT'S HOW A TINY, UNDERFUNDED JAPANESE SCHOOL DEVELOPS A PROSTHETIC THE LIKES OF WHICH THE WORLD HAS NEVER SEEN...
...
ANY OTHER PROBLEMS WITH IT?
THE CURRENT PROSTHETIC IS POINT-05 SECONDS FASTER TO RESPOND, WITH A 10% INCREASE IN OUTPUT STRENGTH AND TOUGHNESS.
ALL THINGS THAT WILL MAKE IT HARDER FOR US...
BUT IF THE AEGIS SYSTEM'S DATA IS MISUSED...
...IT COULD TRULY TURN INTO A DEADLY TOOL.

...UNDER-STOOD...
...BUT I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD AVOID DESTROYING THE DATA LOADED INTO "UNTITLED."
WE CAN RE-CREATE THE MECHANICAL WORK IF NECESSARY...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, ONLY 20%!?
THAT THING'S FULLY-DAMN-FUNCTION-AL!

...
SHOULDN'T YOU BE IMMOBILIZED BY THE PAIN?
HOW CAN YOU STAND UP TO ME?
YOU OPPOSE ME!?
ギチ (GICHI CLENCH)
...OF THE SON WHO CLUNG TO ME DURING THAT EXPLOSION.
...
...STILL HOLDS THE SENSATION ...
MY LOST ARM...

AND THAT ARM TELLS ME...
...NOT TO ALLOW YOU TO DESTROY THAT GIRL'S ENTIRE LIFE FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR OWN GREED!!
THEN STOP ME IF YOU CAN!
TATE...

GWO (ZOOSH)
WITH THAT RIGHT ARM...
...CLINGING TO ITS PAIN AND YOUR BOY!!
KIN (KCHAANG)
RGH !!

WATCH OUT!

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...BUT THEY'RE PRO-GRAMMED TO AVOID CHILDISH TRICKS LIKE THAT!
DOSU (THUMP)
HRGH!
BA (LEAP)
VERY CLEVER, HOPING TO DRAW THE RAPTORS INTO A COLLISION ...
RRGH ...
UH-OH, NOT FEELING QUITE SO BOLD ANYMORE, PROTECTOR?
BUN (WHOOSH)

THE PAIN FROM THAT EXPLOSION ISN'T AS EASY TO OVERCOME AS YOU PRETEND, IS IT?
IT AGONIZES YOU, ADMIT IT!
GAKIIN (CRUNCH)
HMM !?
BUN
TATE DOESN'T LOOK GOOD AT ALL...

IT WAS TURUS HIMSELF WHO CHOSE THAT COMBINATION...
THE SLIMY RAT.

PLUS WITH THE COMBO OF KILLER DRONES AND PROSTHETIC ARM...
THE GAME'S STACKED AGAINST US

!?

SAME WITH TURUS. WHAT DO I DO!?
THIS PISTOL'S NOT GONNA DO SHIT TO A DRONE.
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GA
GA
GA
GA
HYUN
SHSH
HYUN

GRF

SAY THAT...
...AFTER YOU'VE BEATEN ME...
HE THINKS... THE FIGHT ISN'T OVER?
GUI (YANK)
HOW'S THAT!?
NOW I'LL USE THIS POWER TO CRUSH THAT SAMURAI TO A PULP TOO!!
FINE. YOU CAN WAIT FOR ME IN HELL.

ZUDO
(WHAM)
SA
(SWISH)

I'VE STILL GOT THIS BAD BOY.
GENDA-SAN!
AND YOU THINK YOUR POLICE CLUB IS GONNA BEAT MY PROSTHETIC AND THESE RAPTORS!?
HMPH! WHAT CAN A BULLET-STOPPING PROSTHETIC DO AGAINST CLOSE COMBAT WEAPONS?
THE PROBLEM FOR ME IS—

GAKIIN
(CRUNCH)
I'LL LET THE PROTECTOR DEAL WITH THOSE.

YOU DON'T KNOW WHO YOU'RE MESSING WITH!
KYUI (TWIST)
BA (WHOOSH)
BABABA SHUP

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GAGA (HEAVY CAR)
WHA—?
ガガ
GAGA (HEAVY CAR)
ドガッ
DUN (SMASHING)
SEE?

ガシッ
GASHI (SNATCH)
WHA—?
ガガ
GAGA (KCHUK)

SEE?
ドガッ

SO WHAT !?
DA (LEAP)
HE MIGHT BE GOOD...

...BUT CAN HE HANDLE THIS!?
BLO (WHOOSH)
ZUDOH (ZDOOM)

BA
(LEAP)
SEE?
YOU'RE NOT
INVINCIBLE.
WHA
—?

Until
Death
do us
Part

HOW CAN THIS NO-NAME STOP ME—!?
THAT ONE'S CALLED "JATACHI," OR SNAKE SWORD THAT I LEARNED FROM A CERTAIN SOMEONE.
IT USES A LITTLE TRICK OF THE EYES, THAT'S ALL.

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TAKE THIS MESSAGE TO HEART...
THAT MAN IS MAMORU HIJIKATA'S EQUAL WITH A BLADE.
HARD TO STOP SOMETHING WHEN YOUR VISION GOES HAYWIRE, ISN'T IT?
IF YOU CANNOT DEFEAT HIM...
...YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST HIJIKATA.
NOW YOU'RE GOING TOO FAR.
IN A STRICT SWORD FIGHT, HE WOULD STAND HIS GROUND AND COMPETE ADMIRABLY.

WHAT!?
YOU BAS-TARDS!!
YOU TAUNTED HIM?
HE BIT!
NICELY DONE.

GA (HAND)
BUO (WHOOSH)

NWAH !?
DOGAA (KABOOM)
ARE YOU INFERIOR TO A ROBOT?
WHAT'S WRONG? I THOUGHT YOU PROGRAMMED THEM NOT TO DESTROY EACH OTHER?
KAN (TING)
KAKAN (TATING)

DAMN YOU!!
キュイッ
KYUI (SWISH)
...AND THIS LOWLIFE HOT LEAD!
ガチャッ
GACHA (C-CK)
GIVE THE PROTEC-TOR YOUR BLADE...
HERE IT COMES!

SO YOU'D RATHER BE POUNDED TO A PULP THAN SHOT FULL OF LEAD!?
PI (BEEP)
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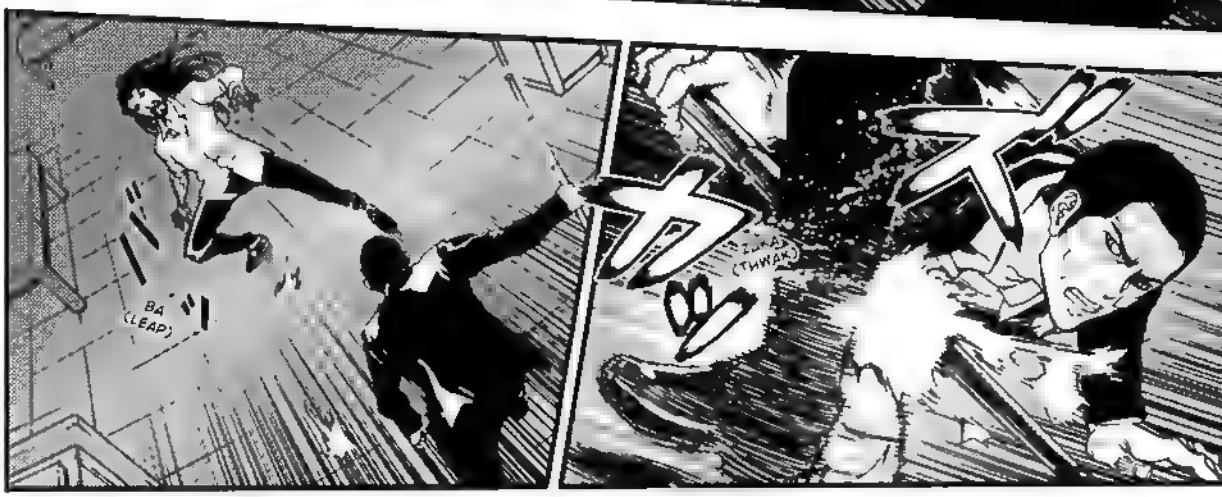
BA
(LEAP)
(THWAK)

UNLESS YOU UTILIZE IT PROPERLY, IT BECOMES A SHACKLE, PURE AND SIMPLE.
TO COUNTERACT UNEXPECTED CIRCUM-STANCES.
SADLY, THAT DEFENSE SYSTEM IS MEANT FOR WHEN I CAN'T MOVE, LIKE EARLIER ...

RRRAAAAH!!
HRRRG!!
SHUT UP, SHUT UP!!
SHUT THE FUCK UP!!
SAGHN (KCHING)

DIE, DIE, DIE, DIE!!

THIS IS CHAOS!

HE'S...SO FAST!!

GENIE!

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU ALL SPITTING ON MY PRIDE!!

I AM THE FIRST HEIR OF ZASHID TURUS, TRUE RULER OF GALBOA!!

GIDD! TAUS!

HIJI-KATA! NOW YOU!

IF YOU DO NOT BEND TO MY WILL, YOU MUST DIIIE!!

I CRUSHED ALL OF MY BROTHERS TO SEIZE POWER FOR MYSELF!!

YOU WILL TREAT ME WITH THE RESPECT I HAVE EARNED!!

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HRRF
HRRF
...
HASUKA TOOYAMA
...
HFFF

... HFFF ...
... BELONGS TO ME!
HRRF ...
NO ONE CAN TAKE THAT GIRL FROM ME.

GRF...
HAK!
DOSH (THWUD)

!?
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GA (GRAB)
グイ
GUI (TUG)

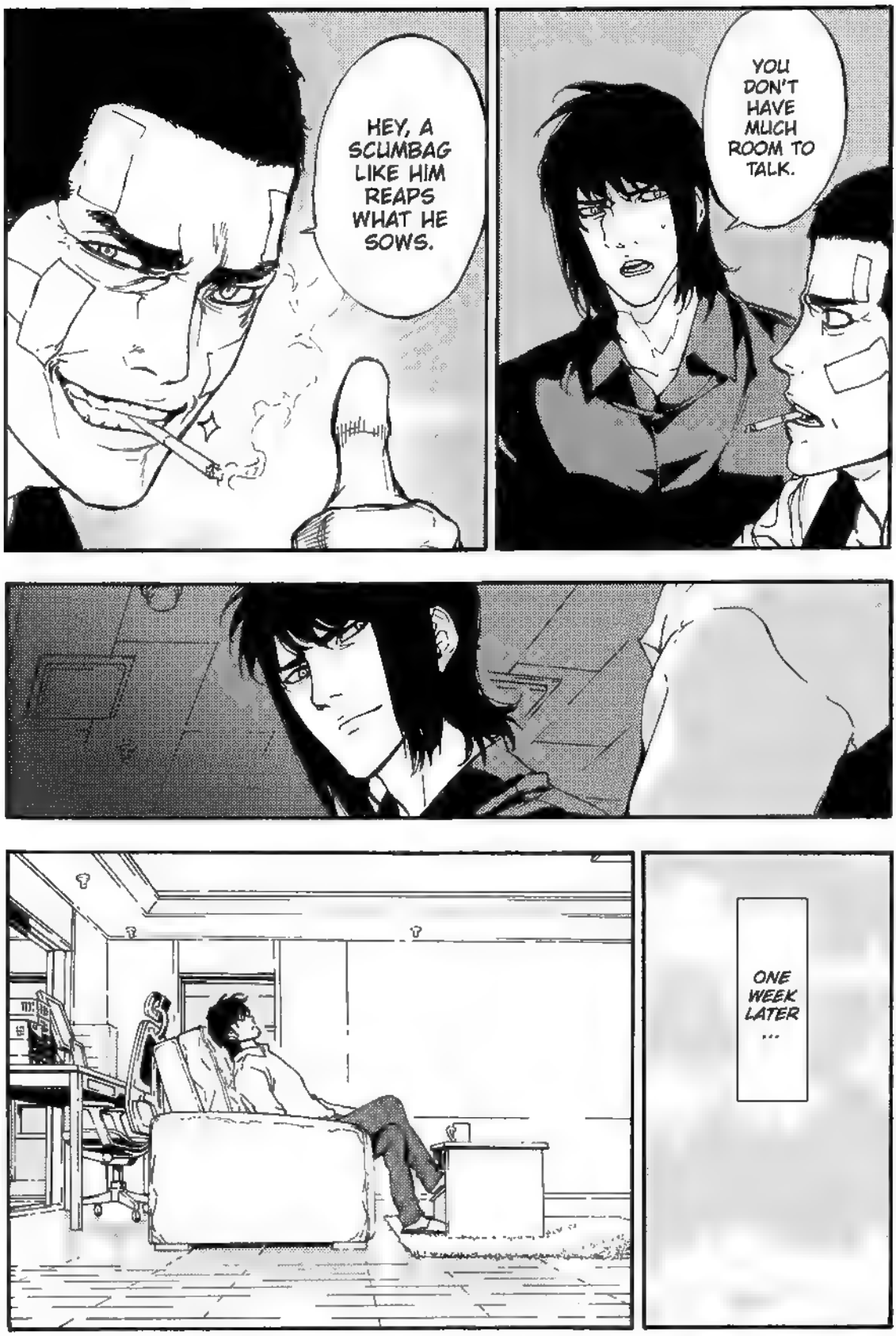
DOGO
(THWAM)

GODDAMN WASTE OF OUR TIME...
SO YOU KNEW HE WAS TOO PROUD FOR HIS OWN GOOD, AND TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THAT.
GOOD CALL, TATE.
HE WAS TOUGH, THOUGH. IF HE HADN'T LOST HIS COOL OVER HIS HATRED OF HIJIKATA ...
...AND WAS IN PERFECT CONDITION, I DON'T KNOW IF WE COULD HAVE TAKEN HIM ALIVE.
YOU'RE JUST BEING MODEST.
NOT AT ALL. TURUS WAS TALENTED ENOUGH TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THIS PROSTHETIC.

...
HIJIKATA UNDERSTOOD THAT FROM EXPERIENCE, AFTER HE LOST HIS EYESIGHT.
WE ONLY WON BECAUSE OF THE TRAUMA HIJIKATA IMPLANTED INTO HIM, RUINING PART OF HIS PSYCHE.
LOSING A PART OF YOUR BODY CAUSES DEEP AND TERRIBLE INVISIBLE SCARS ON TOP OF THE PHYSICAL INJURY.
WHY ASK ME? WOULDN'T YOU KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT?
BAKI (CRACK)
キン
...
HEY.
BUT WHY WOULD HIJIKATA GO TO ALL THAT TROUBLE...
...RATHER THAN JUST APPRE-HENDING HIM AND BRINGING HIM TO JUSTICE?

...HE WANTED TURUS TO KNOW ABJECT HUMILIATION FOR RUINING HARUKA TOOYAMA'S LIFE?
BERI (RIP)
PERHAPS ..
...
SADISTIC BASTARD...
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES HE CHALLENGES THE MAN, HE KNOWS NOTHING BUT MISERABLE DEFEAT.

SOLD OUT BY HIS COUNTRYMEN, CRUSHED BEFORE HE COULD HAVE HIS VENGEANCE.
YOU'D BE BETTER OFF DEAD.
BUT WE'VE GOT TO CONTINUE HIS LIVING SHAME.


HEY, A SCUMBAG LIKE HIM REAPS WHAT HE SOWS.
YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH ROOM TO TALK.
ONE WEEK LATER ...

THE SCHOOL HAS A CULTURE FESTIVAL COMING UP TO COINCIDE WITH ITS MEMORIAL CEREMONY.
?
Whipping up a uniform, apparently.
WHAT IS HARUKA DOING IN THE CLOSET?
HER CLASS IS PUTTING ON "FUJISAWA," A MAID CAFÉ.
HEH...

...THE WORLD'S AT PEACE...

Until
Death
do us
Part

TON
(CHOP)
トン
トン
(GUTSU~
(BUBBLE)
グツ
グツ
グツ
KACHI
カチ
KACHI
(CLICK)
カチ

UM... WELL... NOT REALLY.
YOU SEE ANYTHING HAPPENING TONIGHT?
HARUKA.
Y-YES !?
C'MON UP, MAN. EAT DINNER WITH US.
What's up?
HMM?
Igawa ...
...
SHE SAYS NOTHING'S GONNA HAPPEN... NOT NOW, AT LEAST.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
YOU KNOW I CAN'T LEAVE MY SPOT...
WH-WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

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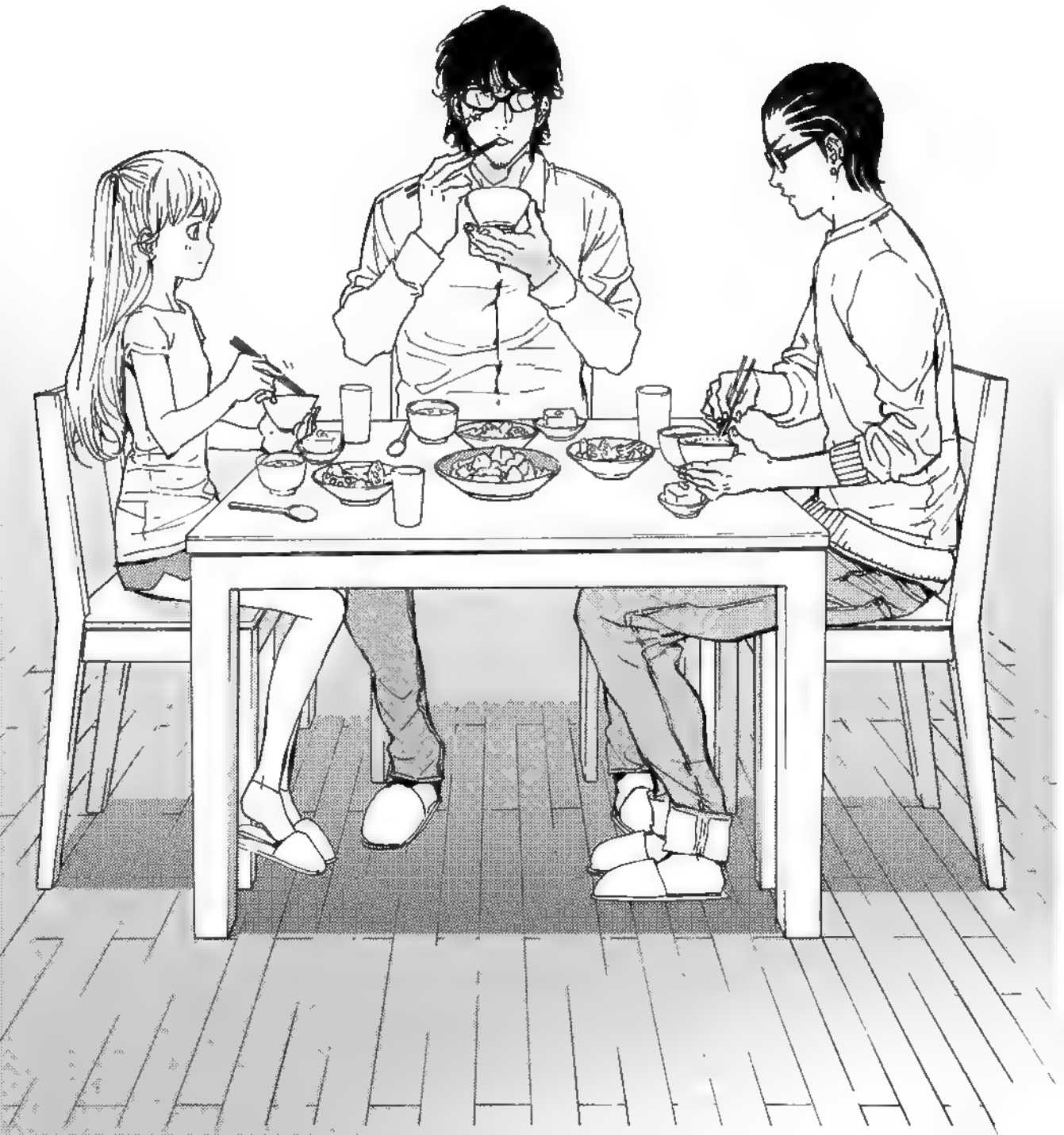

YOUR COOKING'S GOTTEN BETTER ...
IT HAS ???
...
モグモグ
MOGU CHUNCHU MOGU
...
...
HOW'S YOUR SCHOOL?
...
I CAN'T TASTE A THING BECAUSE OF YOU ...
BECAUSE OF THAT MARRIAGE THING?
I'M YOURS.
DID I...DO SOME-THING ...???

...
THIS IS TORTURE ...

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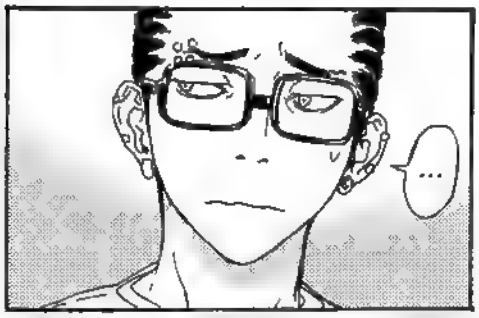
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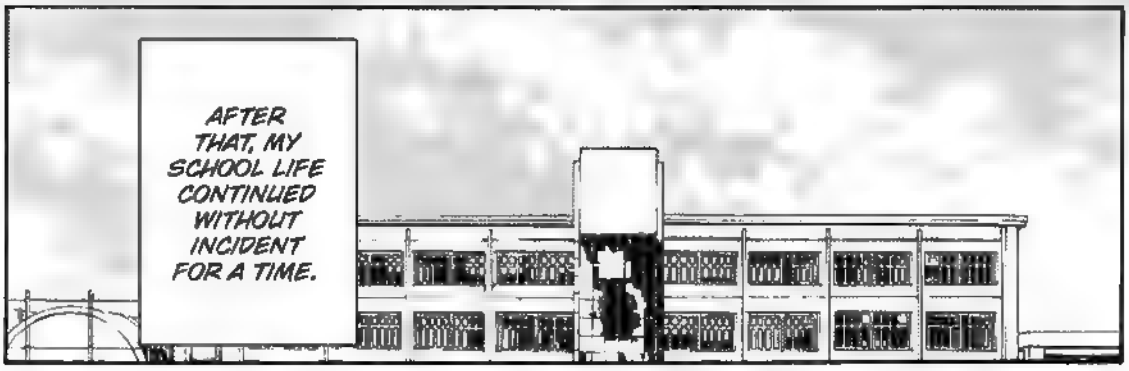
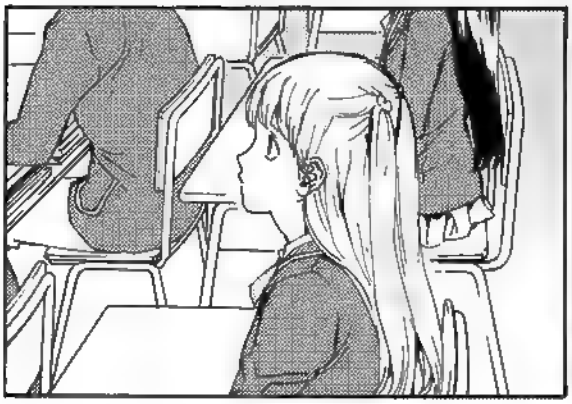
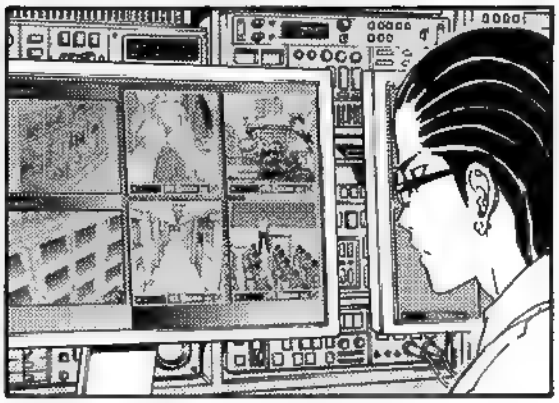

AFTER THAT, MY SCHOOL LIFE CONTINUED WITHOUT INCIDENT FOR A TIME.

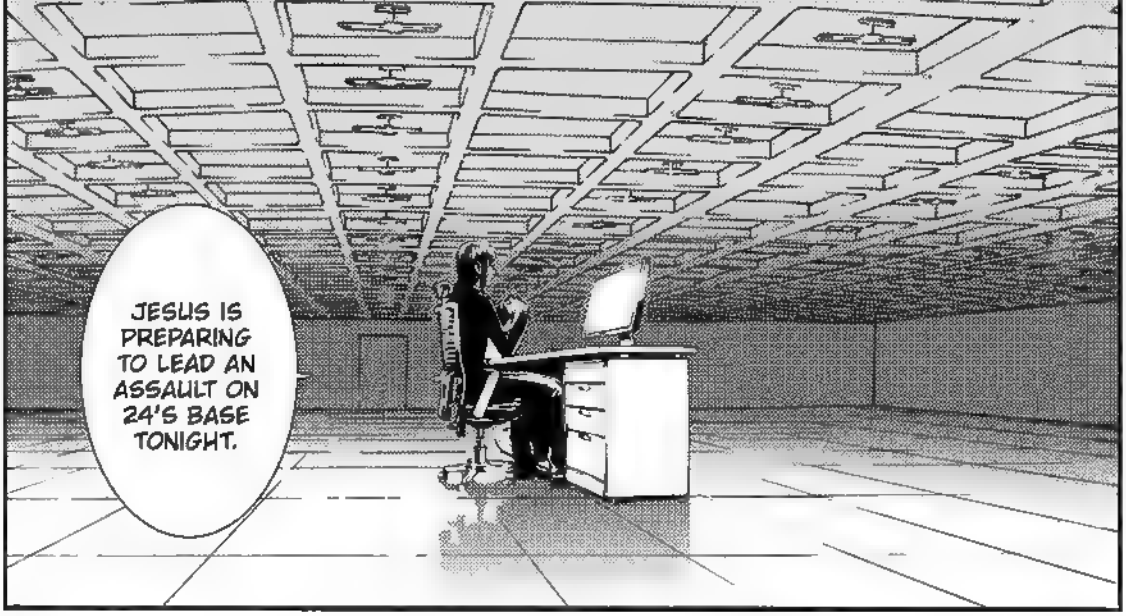




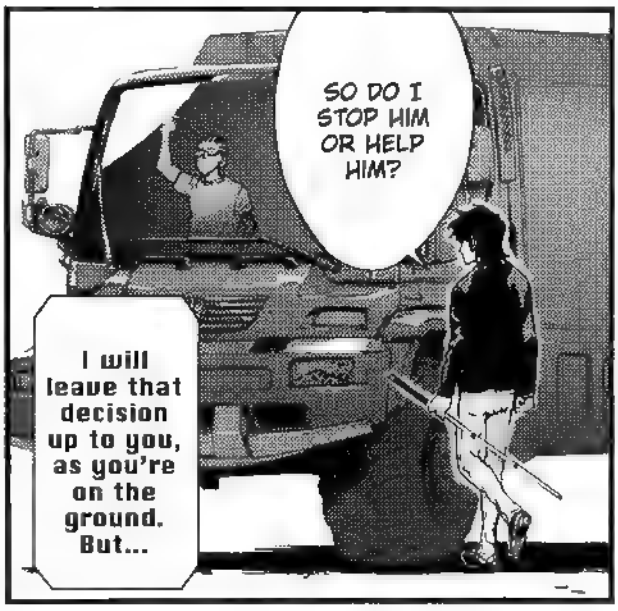
BUT IT WAS ONLY PEACEFUL ON THE SURFACE, NOTHING MORE...

...AND THAT PEACE WAS SHATTERED WITH A BULLET.
THE ATTACK CAME AT THE HANDS OF A GROUP CALLED "24," ENEMIES OF SENSEI—I MEAN, JESUS.

FORTUNATELY THERE WERE NO FATALITIES, BUT WE DID NOT ESCAPE WITHOUT INJURY. AND HE DID NOT SUFFER THAT LIGHTLY


JESUS IS PREPARING TO LEAD AN ASSAULT ON 24'S BASE TONIGHT.

THERE IS ANOTHER RELATED PARTY I WOULD LIKE YOU TO TAKE ALONG.


SO DO I STOP HIM OR HELP HIM?
I will leave that decision up to you, as you're on the ground. But...

GOT IT. HEADING FOR "SIREN."
BLOOO (VRRRM)

RELATED PARTY...?
WHAT, THE PTA?

...
24 is joining the Transplant Connection.
They're becoming an arm of the Connection.
...
I HAVE ONE OTHER PIECE OF INFORMATION.
I FEEL SORRY FOR TONIGHT'S FOES...
THAT'S PERFECT. I CAN'T WAIT.

LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE GETTING HEAVY AT THE LODGE
24 AND JESUS ARE FACING OFF
WHO'S THERE!?

I HAVE LITTLE DOUBT THAT 24 WILL BE ESSENTIALLY RUINED TONIGHT.
...WHO ARE...?
THEY'VE MADE AN ENEMY OF SEVERAL INHUMAN MONSTERS, NOT JUST JESUS

ALIGNING THEMSELVES WITH THE TRANSPLANT CONNECTION WILL PROVE TO BE A MISTAKE.

NOW THEY'VE ANGERED THAT SAMURAI.

WHAT CREW WILL STAND AROUND ON THE DECK OF A SINKING SHIP?

YOU'RE... WISEMAN, AREN'T YOU?
WHY WOULD YOU TELL ME THESE THINGS?

I NEED TO PRO-CURE A TALENTED SNIPER.
I AM HOPING TO HIRE YOUR SERVICES.
AND I'LL NEED A FEW MORE SOLDIERS ON TOP OF THAT.

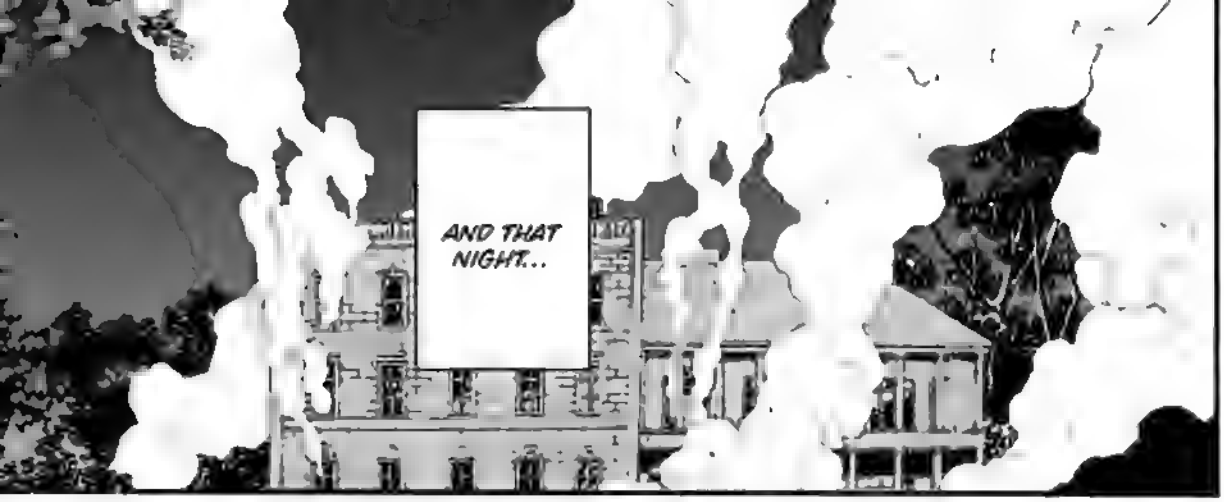
ARE YOU PLOTTING SOMETHING BIG WITH THIS?
I KNOW ABOUT YOU. THEY CALL YOU THE MODERN-DAY MORIARTY.

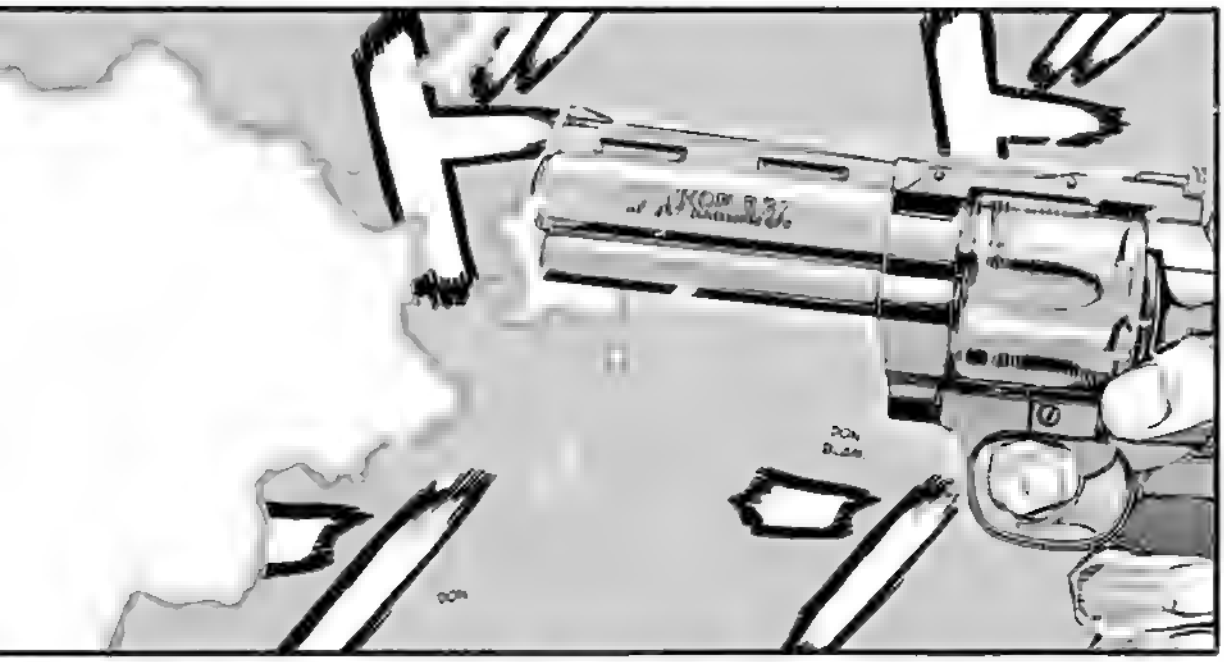
A SILLY QUESTION.
I'VE GROWN TIRED OF MY USUAL PLOTTING.

...

THERE'S STILL TIME BEFORE MY PLAN UNFOLDS SO I'LL HAVE HE HANDLE THIS
BUT I SHOULD MAKE SURE WHEN I CONFIRM MY CONTROL IS UP
I DON'T KNOW WHO PEOPLE USE AN INSURED FOR
I HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU AGAIN

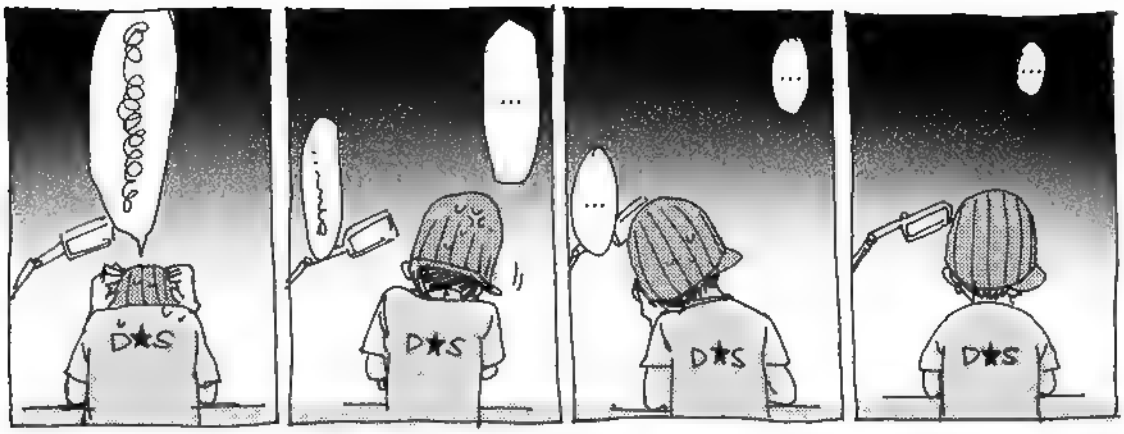
YOU WRETCHED BASTARDS ...
DON'T EXPECT TO LEAVE THIS WITH ALL YOUR LIMBS INTACT!!


AND THAT NIGHT...



...SENSEI STOPPED BEING SENSEI.

Until
Death
do us
Part



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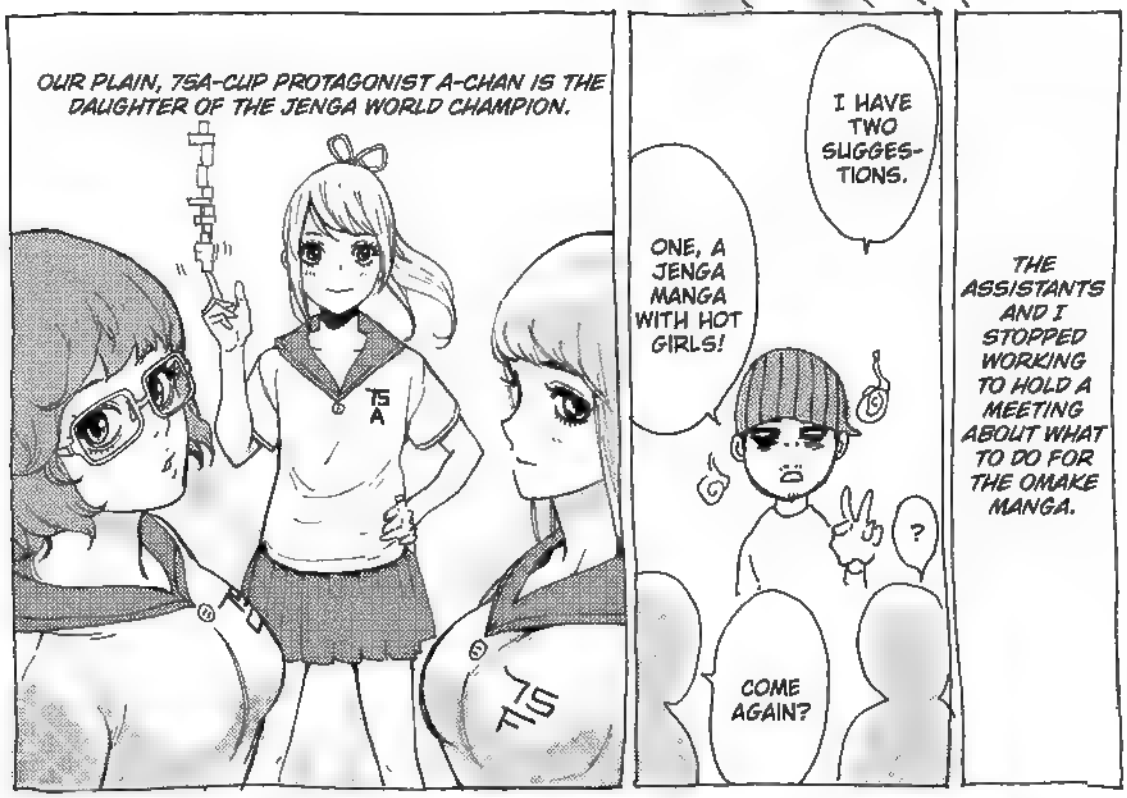
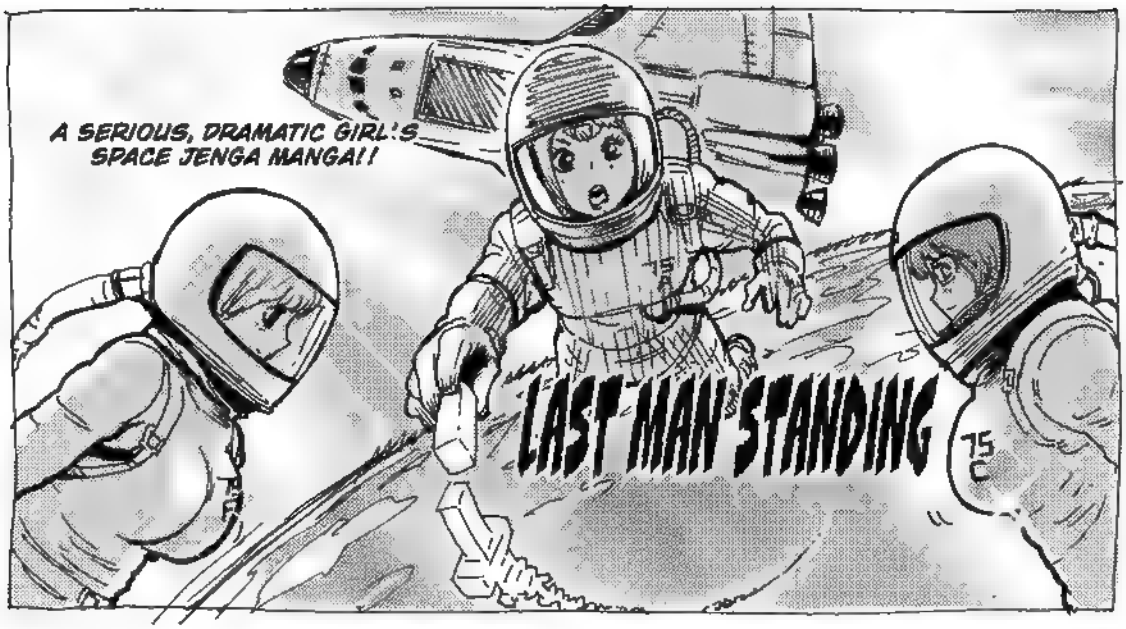
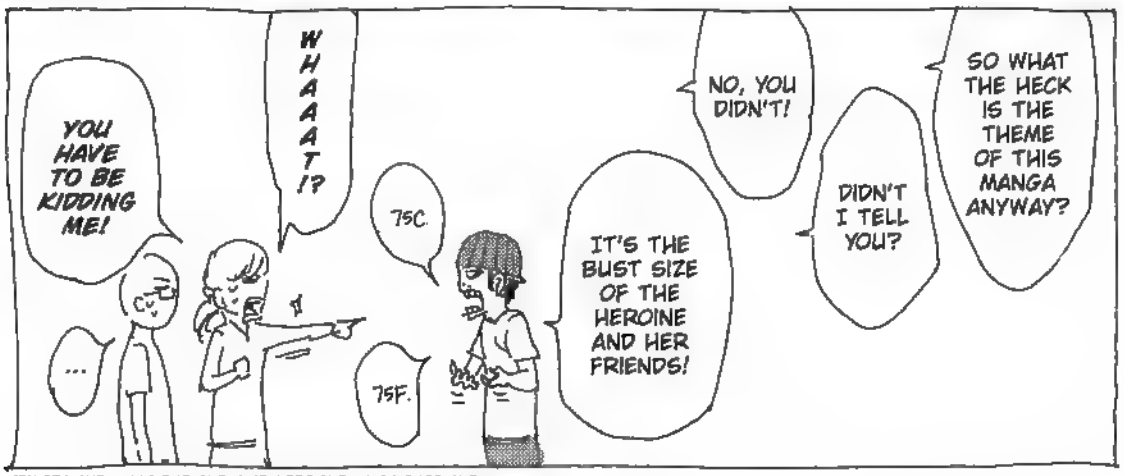

OUR PLAIN, 75A-CUP PROTAGONIST A-CHAN IS THE DAUGHTER OF THE JENGA WORLD CHAMPION.
75 A
75
I HAVE TWO SUGGES-TIONS.
ONE, A JENGA MANGA WITH HOT GIRLS!
?
COME AGAIN?
THE ASSISTANTS AND I STOPPED WORKING TO HOLD A MEETING ABOUT WHAT TO DO FOR THE OMAKE MANGA.

JPN 75A CUP • USA 34AA CUP

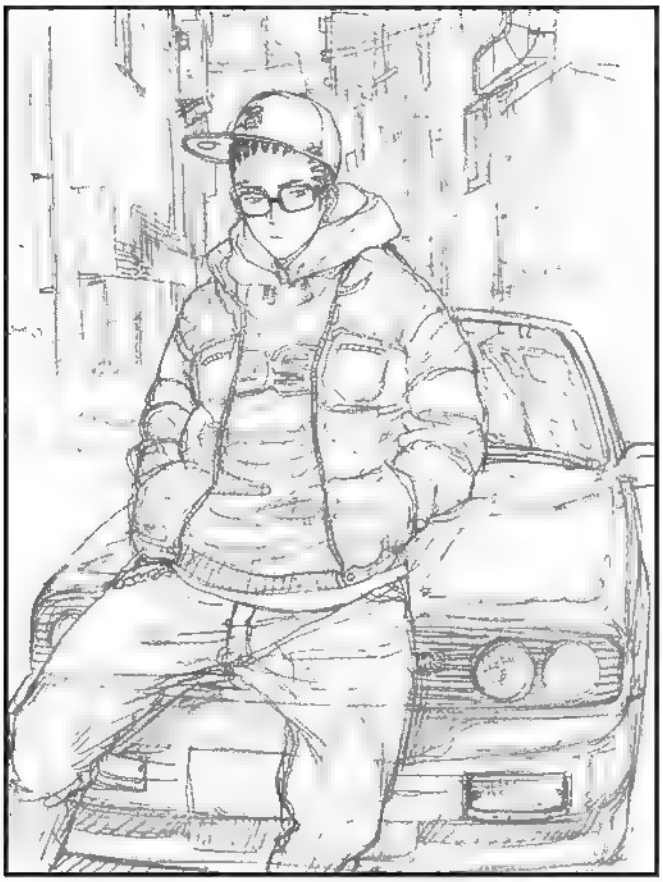
VILLAIN
THE MAIN TEAM TRAINS HARD TO AVENGE HIS DEATH!
VEN-GEANCE!
75 A
75 C
75 F
WAIT, HOW DOES SOME-ONE DIE PLAYING JENGA?
UM ...
THAT MAKES NO SENSE.
JUST HEAR ME OUT.
BUT HER FATHER DIED IN THE MIDDLE OF A GAME DUE TO THE OPPONENT'S WICKED PLOT...
FINALLY, SHE UNLOCKS HER FATHER'S ULTIMATE SPECIALTY...
...THE "LAST MAN STANDING" TECHNIQUE!!
STAND-ING!!
HELLISH TRAINING!!
IT EVEN SURPASSES THE STRATOSPHERE INTO THE MAJESTY OF OUTER SPACE!!!
FINALLY, IT'S THE WORLD JENGA CHAMPIONSHIP!!
THE COMPETITION IS FIERCE! JENGA BLOCKS PILED UP TO THE SKY!!




YOU HAVE TO BE KIDDING ME!
WHAAAAT!?
...
75C.
75F.
IT'S THE BUST SIZE OF THE HEROINE AND HER FRIENDS!
NO, YOU DIDN'T!
DIDN'T I TELL YOU?
SO WHAT THE HECK IS THE THEME OF THIS MANGA ANYWAY?

JPN 75C CUP = USA 34B CUP / JPN 75F CUP = USA 34DD CUP

AND YOU ENDED UP GOING WITH THE SECOND IDEA...
...
I'LL BE HONEST, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT JENGA...
...
I'M SORRY.
WHAT IF I DRAW MYSELF STRUGGLING WITH A LACK OF IDEAS FOR THE OMAKE MANGA?
IN THAT CASE, HOW ABOUT THE SECOND IDEA...



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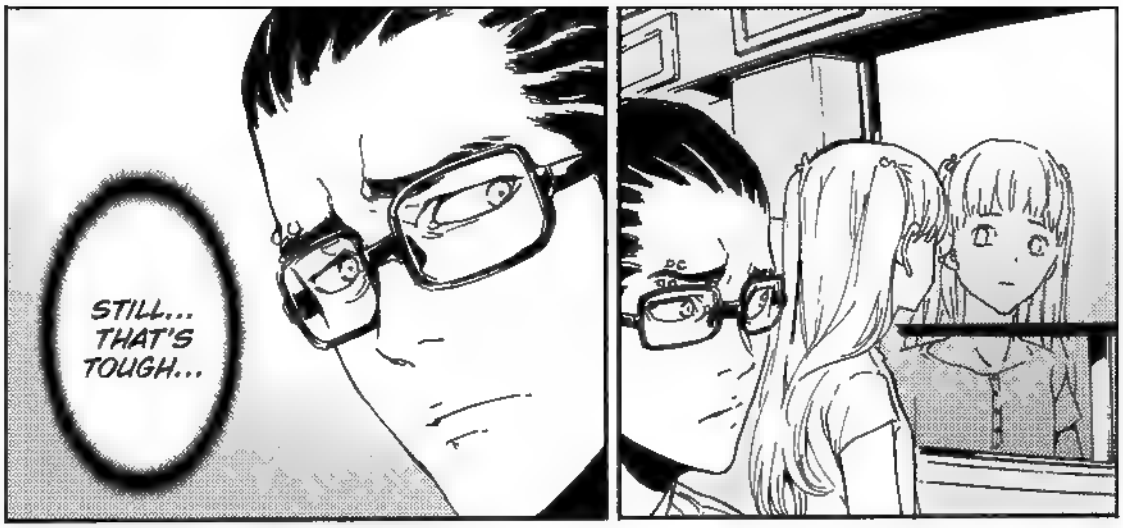
HEY, MAMORU.
...
...
...TO MINIMIZE CONFUSION?
SHOULDN'T WE LET HER AT LEAST ATTEND SCHOOL TODAY TO SAY GOOD-BYES...
THE BALANCE OF POWER WITHIN AITOU ACADEMY WAS LOST AFTER 24 GOT WIPED OUT LAST NIGHT.
JESUS CAN'T PROTECT THE SCHOOL BECAUSE HE'S INJURED.

SHE KNOWS THAT AND IS TRYING TO DEAL WITH IT, SO KEEP YOUR FAT MOUTH OUT OF IT.
YEAH, BUT...
THANKS TO HARUKA'S FORESIGHT, WE AVOIDED FATALITIES...
...BUT AT THIS POINT, THE GREATEST THREAT TO HER CLASSMATES IS HARUKA'S PRESENCE ITSELF.
UNLIKE BEFORE, THIS TIME THERE ARE FRIENDS SHE CAN SEE...
!?
PLUS...
...WHO ACTUALLY UNDERSTAND THE POOR KID'S SITUATION.

BUOOOO (VRRRM)
...
AGENT NEEDLE AND THE OTHER GIRLS STAYED BEHIND TO CLEAN THINGS UP.
JUST WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF NOW.


STILL... THAT'S TOUGH...

...

NOW...
...I CAN MOVE ON TO THE NEXT STEP.

...

...ISN'T THIS JESUS' HIDEOUT? ARE WE REALLY GONNA TALK ABOUT THIS IN A WORLD-CLASS INFO DEALER'S PLACE?
I'M FINE WITH MOVING ON, BUT...
I SEE...
SO YOU'RE SAYING IT'S SAFER HERE THAN ELSE-WHERE.
TSK ...
COME NOW.
HE'S A MAN OF ETIQUETTE. HE DOESN'T LEAK THE DETAILS OF CUSTOMERS TO HIS OTHER CLIENTS.
IT WILL BE EASY TO FIND THE ANSWERS WE WANT. WE'VE GOT OUR WALKING ENCYCLOPEDIA RIGHT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BAR.
PLUS, WHEN IT COMES TO ANALOG INFORMATION, YOU WON'T FIND A WIDER AND MORE ACCURATE SELECTION THAN HERE.

I'VE TRADED SOME INFORMATION WITH OLD GOOSE AND FOUND MOST OF THE ANSWERS I NEED.
THE ACCURACY ON THIS INTEL IS AT LEAST 90%.
THAT'S RIGHT— YOU AND JESUS'S OLD FOE.
THE TRANSPLANT CONNECTION IS GETTING MORE ACTIVE.
THEY GOT WHAT THEY DESERVE...
THEY'RE CALLED THE "CONNECTION" FOR A REASON— THEY'RE MADE UP OF A NUMBER OF CRIMINAL ENTERPRISES BROUGHT TOGETHER.
BUT FAR TOO MANY OF THEIR MEMBERS WERE ALREADY CRUSHED BY JESUS.
SO, FED UP WITH JESUS'S OBSTRUCTION, THEY'VE DECIDED TO GO AFTER HIM.

AND WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS WHAT COMES NEXT.
AITOU ACADEMY WILL BE IN MUCH GREATER DANGER.
THIS TIME IT WILL BE FAR BEYOND THE SATURATION POINT.
THEY'VE BEEN KIDNAPPING CHILDREN FROM COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD AND SELLING OFF THEIR ORGANS FOR PROFIT.
...
YEAH... I'M WELL AWARE.

IN OTHER WORDS, THE EFFICIENCY AND PROFITABILITY OF THAT BUSINESS DROPPED PRECIPITOUSLY.
...TO SAY NOTHING OF THE INTERFERENCE OF JESUS AND THE ELEMENT NETWORK.
THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE VARIED AND WIDE-RANGING...
...AND POLICE ORGANIZATIONS WORLDWIDE ARE MOUNTING RESISTANCE ...
SO THEY STARTED UP A GRAND PROJECT CALLED "DANTE 313."
WHAT'S THAT?

DOGAA (CRAAASH)
GASHAN (SMASH)
GASHAN

HURRY THE FUCK UP... THE PLAN SAYS WE GOTTA DO THIS IN UNDER FIVE MINUTES!
GASHAN
ガシャン
BABA (SNATCH)
!?
BASU (WHOMP)
BUSHUUU (PSHHH)
ブシュウ

DON'T SWEAT IT. YOU'RE ALL GOING TO PRISON NO MATTER HOW LONG YOU TAKE.
AAAGH!
GWUH!!
SM
BWAH!!
DOGA (THWAM)

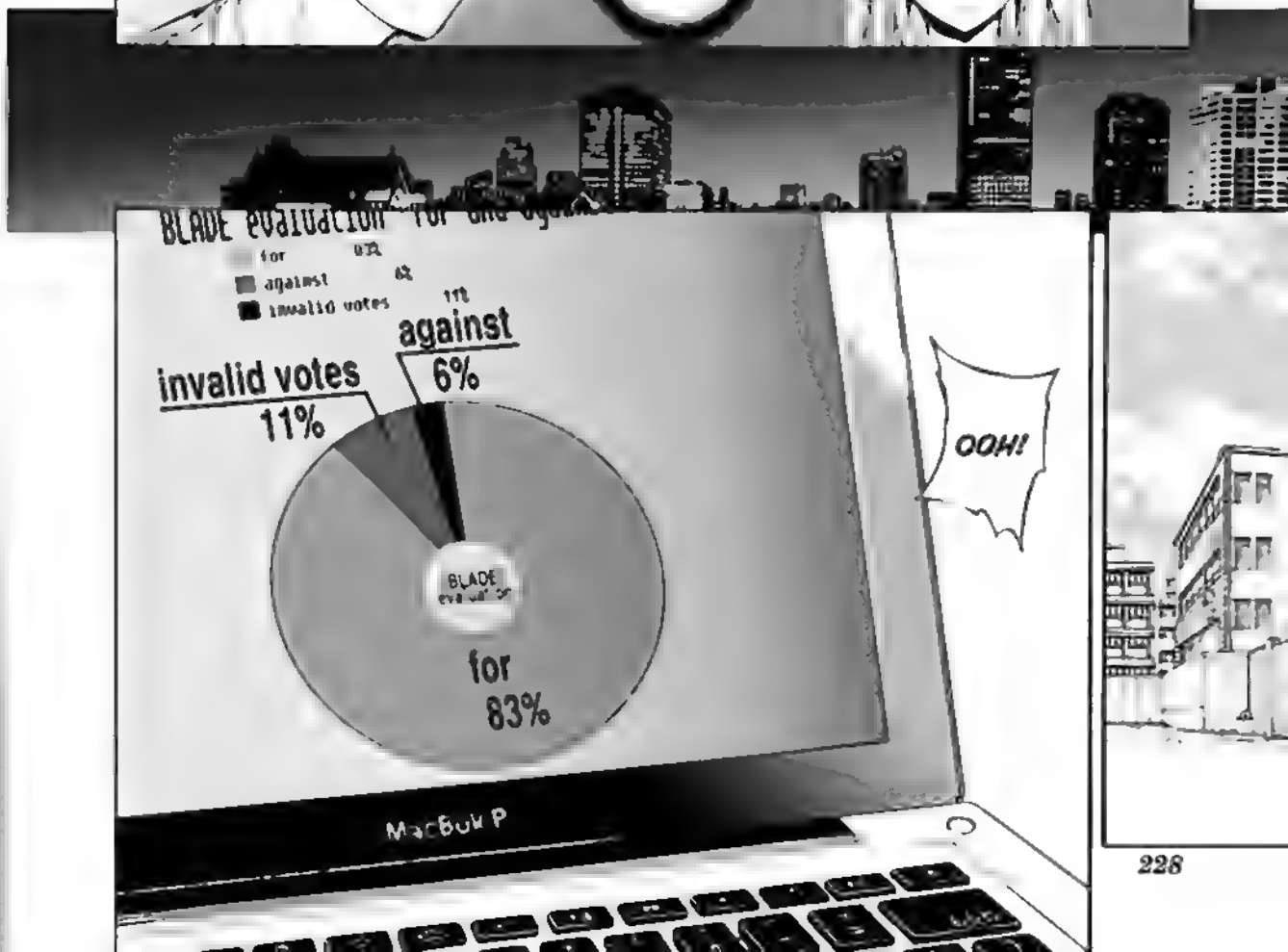
OOH BOY, THERE HE GOES.
S...stay back!!
Aaaah !!
IS HE? LOOKS THE SAME AS ALWAYS TO ME...
IS MAMORU-SAN...ANGRY ABOUT SOME-THING?

GASHAAN!
(KRAASH)
DOGA
(THWUMP)
GASHAN

D-DON'T KILL ME, MAN!!
EYAA!
HRRG!
GUSA (SHANK)
UNNG...
Gaaah!
YOU THINK YOU'RE IN A POSITION TO MAKE DEMANDS!?
SCUM-BAGS!!

HOW DARE YOU STOOP THIS LOW... AND NOT EVEN BE PREPARED FOR DEATH!

MAYBE ALL THE ELITE GUYS HE'S FOUGHT RECENTLY MAKE THIS A LETDOWN FOR HIM...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for
83%
OOH!

Members Evaluation Result
APPARENTLY, THEY LIKED THAT WE HELPED SOLVE SUCH A COMPLICATED SITUATION THAT DIDN'T INVOLVE US WITHOUT CAUSING ANY FATALITIES.
[BLADE] evaluation
for 83%
WHAT IS IT?
OUR FEEDBACK RESULTS HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE ROOF SINCE THE BATTLE AT THE SCHOOL.
...
...THE CREDIT DOESN'T ALL GO TO US.
OF COURSE, THANKS TO THE PROTECTOR'S SUPPORTERS ...
SOUNDS LIKE YOUR LITTLE CONVERSATION WAS TREATED AS A PRIVATE MATTER...
...AND WASN'T BROUGHT UP WITHIN THE NETWORK FOR EVALUATION.
KAAA (BLUSH)

ARGH!
JUST STOP IT! DON'T BRING THAT UP ANY-MORE!
THAT WAS JUST A WAY FOR MAMORU-SAN TO AVOID AN EMERGENCY ...
IT DIDN'T MEAN...
HMM !?

I SAID THAT I'D MARRY HER IF SHE DIDN'T CHANGE HER MIND BY THE TIME SHE GREW UP. THAT'S ALL.
...
HUH!? WHAT DO YOU THINK MY PLAN IS!?
THAT WASN'T MEANT TO BE SERIOUS.
C'MON, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO MODEST.
I BET... IT'LL WORK OUT...
SPEAK-ING OF MAMORU ...
!?
...
I HONESTLY DO REGRET THAT IT CAME TO THAT. IT'S EMBAR-RASSING.
DON'T SAY THINGS YOU DON'T MEAN.

WE SET HIM UP WITH A DENTIST APPOINTMENT, BUT HE SAYS HE'S JUST TOO BUSY TO GET THE BOMB TAKEN OUT.
HE'S OFF ON HIS OWN AGAIN TODAY.
BUT AT THE VERY LEAST, WE ALTERED THE EXPLOSION SWITCH.

IT'S REALLY WELL-CONSTRUCTED. THAT THING'S NOT GOING TO MISFIRE FOR ANYTHING.

SLI (SWISH)
スッ
KO (TOK)
コツ
KO
コツ
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...YOU ACTUALLY CAME ALONE, LIKE YOU SAID...

OOOH.

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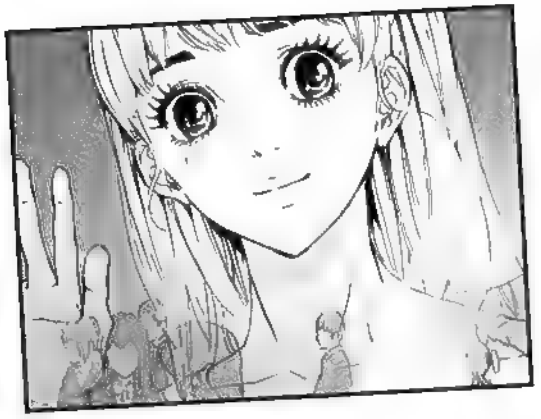
OOOH.

...YOU ACTUALLY CAME ALONE, LIKE YOU SAID...



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Part

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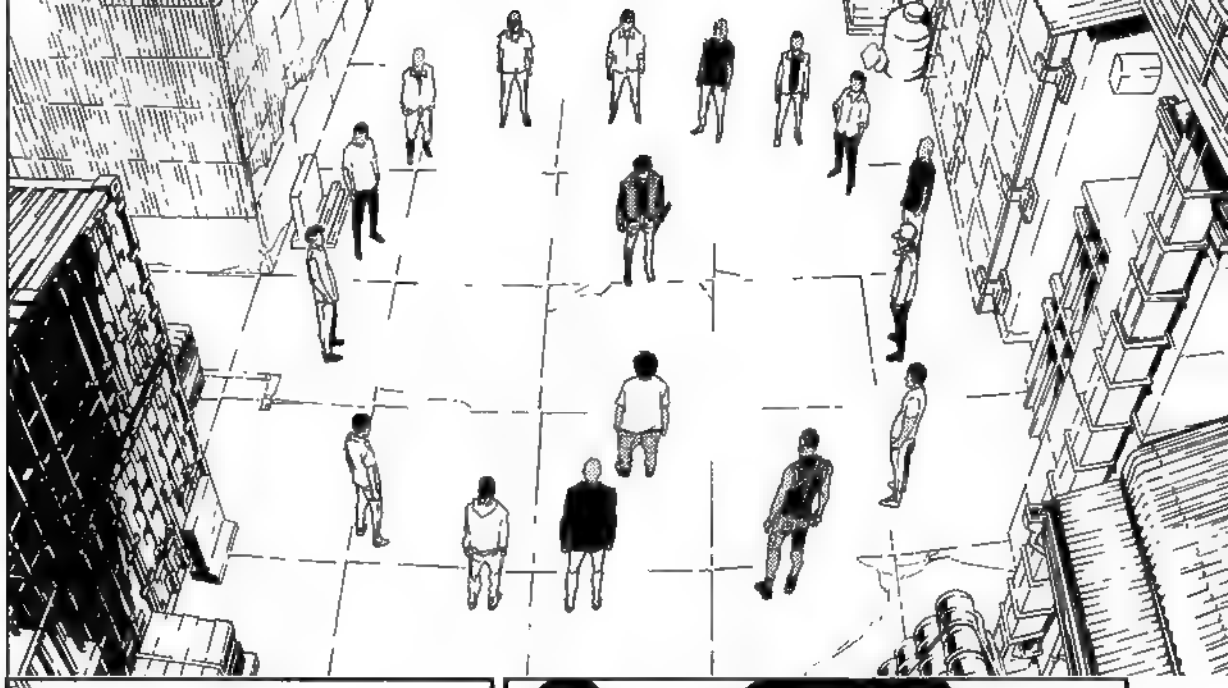
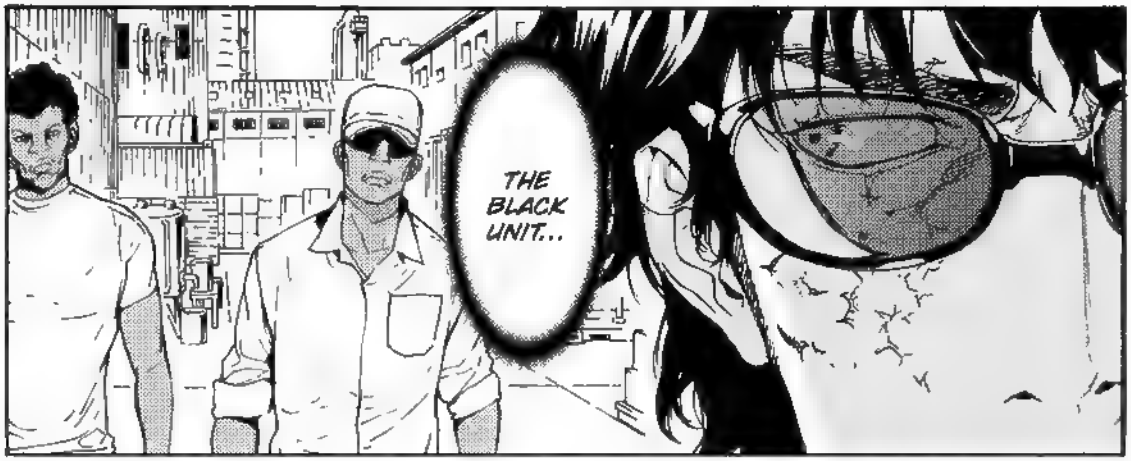


...I KNOW THAT...

YOU GOT THE JUMP ON US IN THE LAST FIGHT BY IGNORING BASIC FIGHT THEORY...
...BUT YOU AIN'T GONNA GET THE BEST OF US IN A NORMAL BRAWL.


THE BLACK UNIT...

AN ELITE SQUAD UNDER THE QUASI-STATE OF DUHANA.
LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT THEM OTHER THAN THE NAME, BUT THEY'RE HELD TO BE JUST AS GOOD AS THE GREEN BERETS OR SAS.

UNDER THE CIRCUM-STANCES, MY CHANCES OF SURVIVAL IN A FIGHT ARE ZERO.

SO LET'S HEAR IT.
WHEN YOU RAN THAT LITTLE DEMON-STRATION AGAINST US...
...YOU WERE TRYING TO SHOW OFF YOUR ABILITY BY SURVIVING THE GAUNT-LET, YEAH?

I AIN'T GONNA TRUST YOU UNLESS I HEAR A TRUST-WORTHY ANSWER.
WAS IT MONEY? UNDER-GROUND CONNEC-TIONS?
SO WHAT DID YOU GET OUT OF RISKING YOUR LIFE LIKE THAT?
...
THE RELEASE OF HARUKA TOOYAMA.

LET THE GIRL GO, AND I'LL KILL WHOEVER YOU WANT DEAD.
...I DON'T GET IT...

I ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO SURVIVE.
SO HERE'S MY QUESTION— ARE YOU REALLY GONNA STAY SUBSERVIENT TO GALBOA, KNOWING YOU'RE PUTTING THE PEOPLE OF DUHANA IN GREATER DANGER?
YOU KNOW WHO WE'RE GONNA TELL YOU WE WANT DEAD, RIGHT? IT AIN'T GONNA BE A WALK IN THE PARK!
WHY WOULD YOU DO THIS FOR A GIRL YOU'RE NOT EVEN RELATED TO?
THE TRANSPLANT CONNECTION'S "DANTE 313" PROJECT HAS ALREADY STARTED ITS FIRST TEST CASE WITHIN DUHANA.

IT'S THE SAME WAY YOU WANT TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF YOUR COUNTRY.

WHY'D YOU PICK ME?
HMM... THEN I GOT ANOTHER QUESTION.

...

LOOK, I THINK YOU'RE AN ASSHOLE WHO TREATS THE PEOPLE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES LIKE DIRT.
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOU AND TURUS IS THAT HE ONLY CARES ABOUT HIMSELF. HE'D EVEN USE HIS OWN COUNTRYMEN AS PAWNS TO GET WHAT HE WANTS. I HATE MEN LIKE THAT.

YOU DON'T HOLD BACK FROM SPEAKING YOUR MIND TO ME.
IT SOUNDS HONEST.
...
...I LIKE YOU...
BUT THIS CONTRACT DEMANDS THAT WE BE ON THE SAME PAGE.
I NEED YOU TO TELL ME WHO DESERVES TO BE DEAD.
...YOU SURE?
RIGHT HERE?

THEY'RE LIKE BROTHERS TO ME.
DON'T SWEAT IT. I TRUST ALL OF THESE MEN.
BUT IF YOUR ANSWER IS WRONG...
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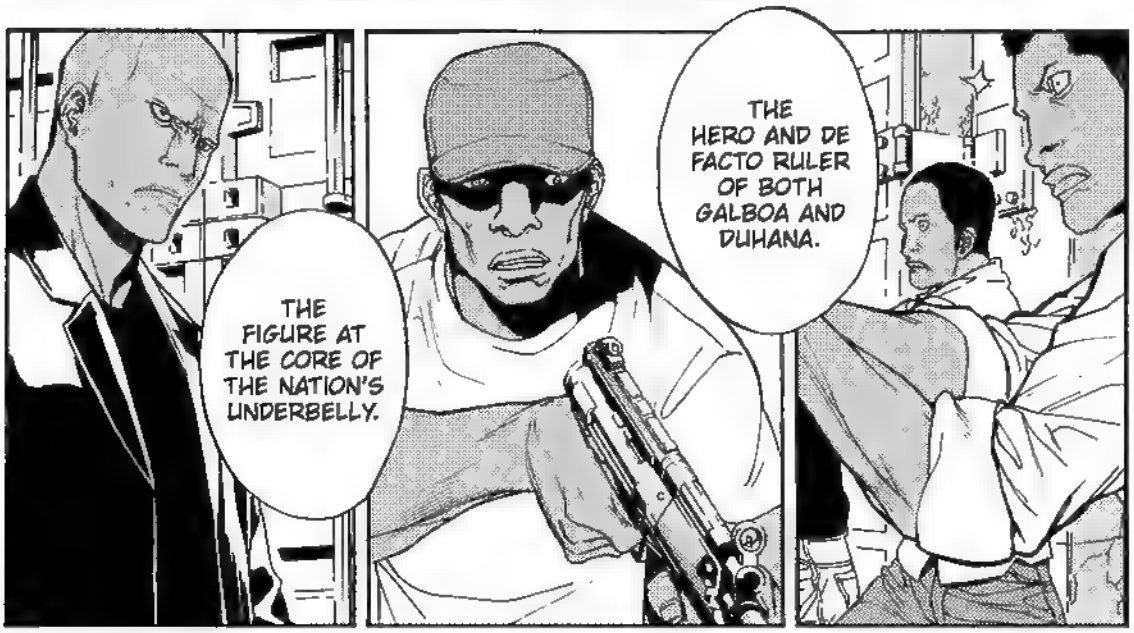
CHA (CLICK)

...

COL. ZASHID TURUS.


THE FIGURE AT THE CORE OF THE NATION'S UNDERBELLY.
THE HERO AND DE FACTO RULER OF BOTH GALBOA AND DUHANA.

AWAY FROM THE LIGHT OF THE SUN, THEY CALL HIM "MR. DARKSIDE."
NONE OTHER...
...THAN YOUR OWN FATHER, GENIE TURUS.

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...
CORRECT.
PAN (SMACK)
WHAT'S WISEMAN'S PLAN?
SO TELL ME.

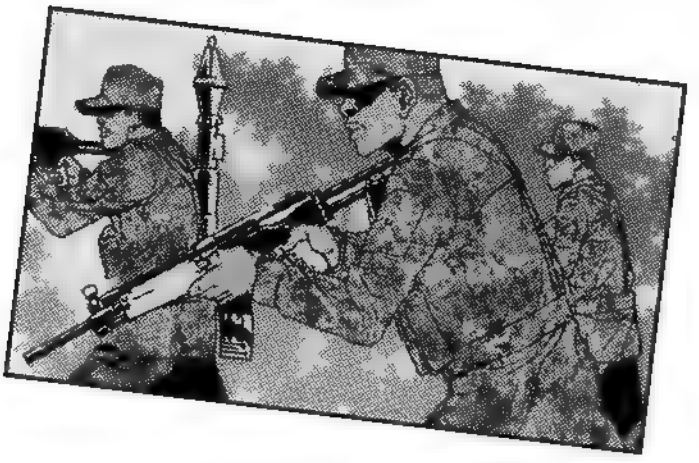
EXACTLY AS YOU EXPECTED ...
...
THE TPC'S NEW PLOT...

...ISN'T TO KIDNAP PEOPLE AND CUT THEM UP...
...IT'S TO HAVE THEM GIVE BIRTH.

THEY KIDNAP WOMEN AND ARTIFICIALLY INSEMINATE THEM
THEY'RE BUILDING A FACTORY FARM
THE SAME WAY WE DO TO GET EGGS FROM HENS
THEN DISSECT THE INFANTS AND SHIP THE PARTS OFF
IN AFRICA THEY PARTNERED UP WITH GALBOA
AND BUILT THEIR FIRST FACTORY IN DUHANA
ABOUT THE MOST INHUMANE FACTORY YOU CAN IMAGINE

THIS SITUATION CEMENTS THE STATE OF AFFAIRS — THAT DUHANA IS ENTIRELY SUB-SERVIENT TO THE REPUBLIC OF GALBOA.
AND THAT OFFICIAL DECISION CAME FROM COLONEL ZASHID TURUS.
DUHANA
GALBOA
DUHANA IS UNABLE TO PREVENT THEM, BECAUSE IT IS A QUASI-STATE UNRECOGNIZED BY THE U.N.
GALBOA ESSENTIALLY CONTROLS THE FLOW OF GOODS IN AND OUT.
GENIE CANNOT BE HAPPY ABOUT THIS. UNLIKE TURUS, HE IS ENTIRELY ON THE SIDE OF THE BLACKS.
ZASHID INTENDS TO PIT HIS SONS AGAINST EACH OTHER SO THAT HE CAN NAME THE SURVIVOR HIS HEIR.
AND GENIE IS NOT CONSIDERED ONE OF THOSE CANDIDATES.
IN OTHER WORDS, OUR PLAN MUST USE THAT ANGLE TO OUR ADVANTAGE!

THIS MANEUVER REQUIRES HIM TO RISK HIS LIFE, AFTER ALL.
BUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE SOMETHING CONSIDERABLE TO GET GENIE TO WORK WITH US.
YOU SET UP THAT MUCH JUST FROM A SINGLE SUGGESTION FROM ME?
HEH HEH...I SEE NOW.
I KNOW THAT.
A BOLD MAN, INDEED ...
...



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special chapter: the wall

KII
(CREAK)
キイ…
カチャ
KACHA
(CLICK)

HERE.
GET THE FUCK OFF!
LET ME GO!
LET ME GO!

JUST SIT TIGHT AND SHUT UP!!
YOU'RE GONNA BE SOLD OFF IN NO TIME!
AAAH!
DOSA (THUMP)
BATAN (SLAM)
HEY, DON'T BE TOO ROUGH ON 'EM.
...
GOD, IT MAKES ME SICK.
IT'S SUCH A PAIN IN THE ASS. IT WOULD BE SO MUCH EASIER TO GET KIDS FROM SOME WAR-TORN AFRICAN COUNTRY, RATHER THAN THESE DEVELOPED NATIONS.
GOTTA BE GENTLE WITH THE GOODS.
THEY'RE ABOUT TO BE USED FOR ORGAN FARMS OR KIDDIE FLICKS.

PAPA, MAMA...
THOSE SPOILED FUCKS WILL COMPLAIN ABOUT ANYTHING.
HEY, WHAT CAN YA DO? THE WEALTHY CUSTOMERS DON'T WANT ORGANS FROM A DIFFERENT RACE.
COME HELP ME. I PROMISE I'LL BE A GOOD BOY.

EEEEEK!
TATATAN (RATTA-TAT)
TAN
TAN
IT'S A WAR! WE'RE GONNA DIE!
AAAH!!
DON (BOOM)

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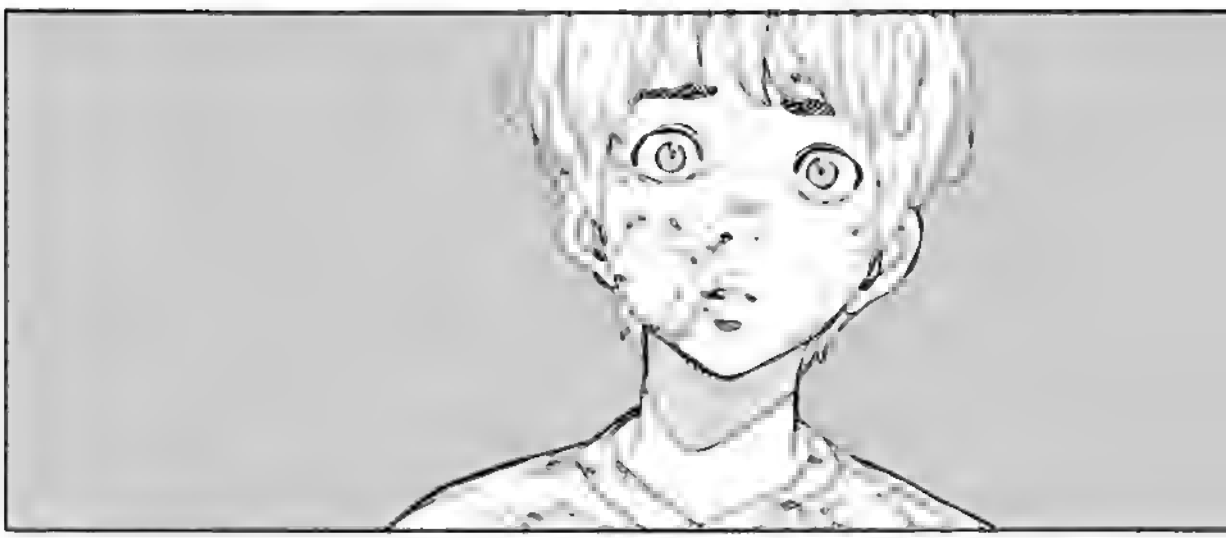
ガチャ
グッグッ
ヤバ

ガ
GA (GRAB)
YAAAH !!
EASY THERE, KIDDO!

I'VE GOT THE TARGETS!
I LIKE THAT SPIRIT!
HUH!?
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE AFRAID.
SU (SHH)

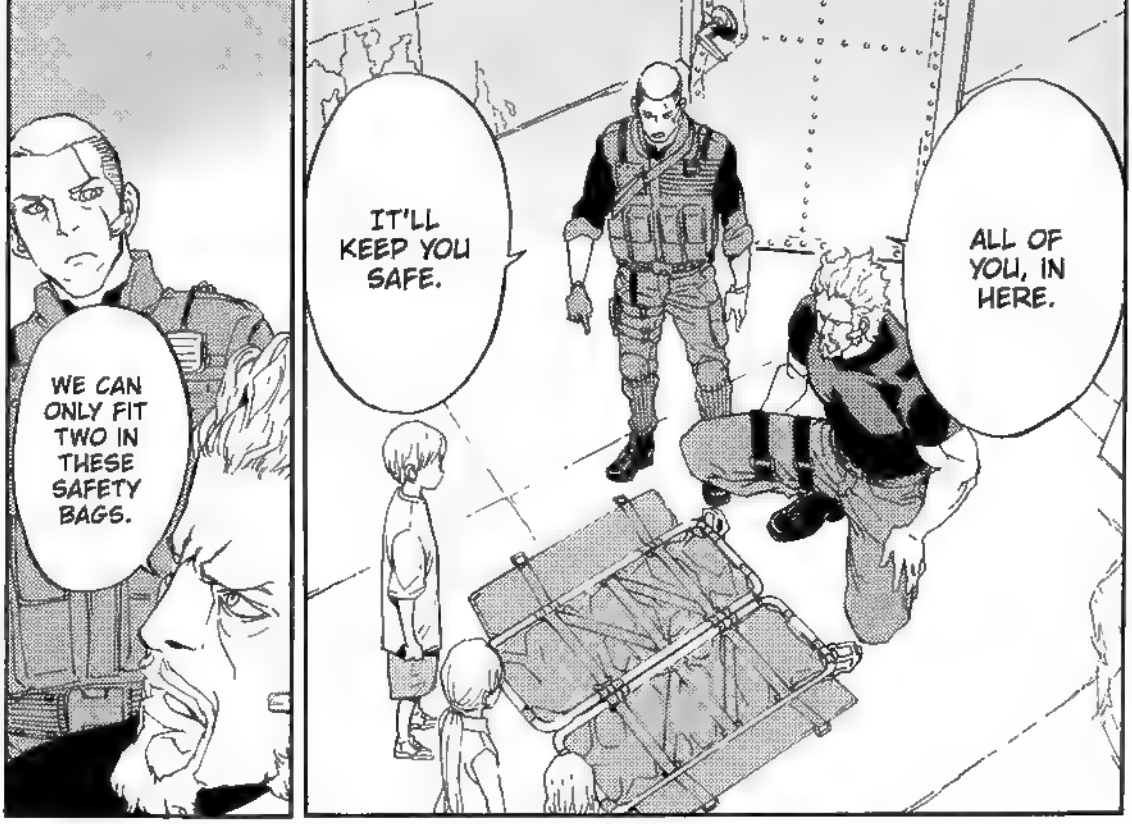
WE'RE HERE TO RESCUE YOU.



BRIEFING WILL NOW COMMENCE.
ATTEN-TION!!
AT PRESENT, DETAILS ARE SCARCE, BUT OUR MISSION IS URGENT.
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO CONSTRUCT A THOROUGH OPERATION.
EACH SQUAD WILL BE ACCOUNT-ABLE FOR THEIR OWN DECISIONS. IT'S A VERY DEMANDING MISSION.
SO WE'LL BREAK INTO FOUR TEAMS— BRAVO, CHARLIE, DELTA, ECHO— AND SEARCH.

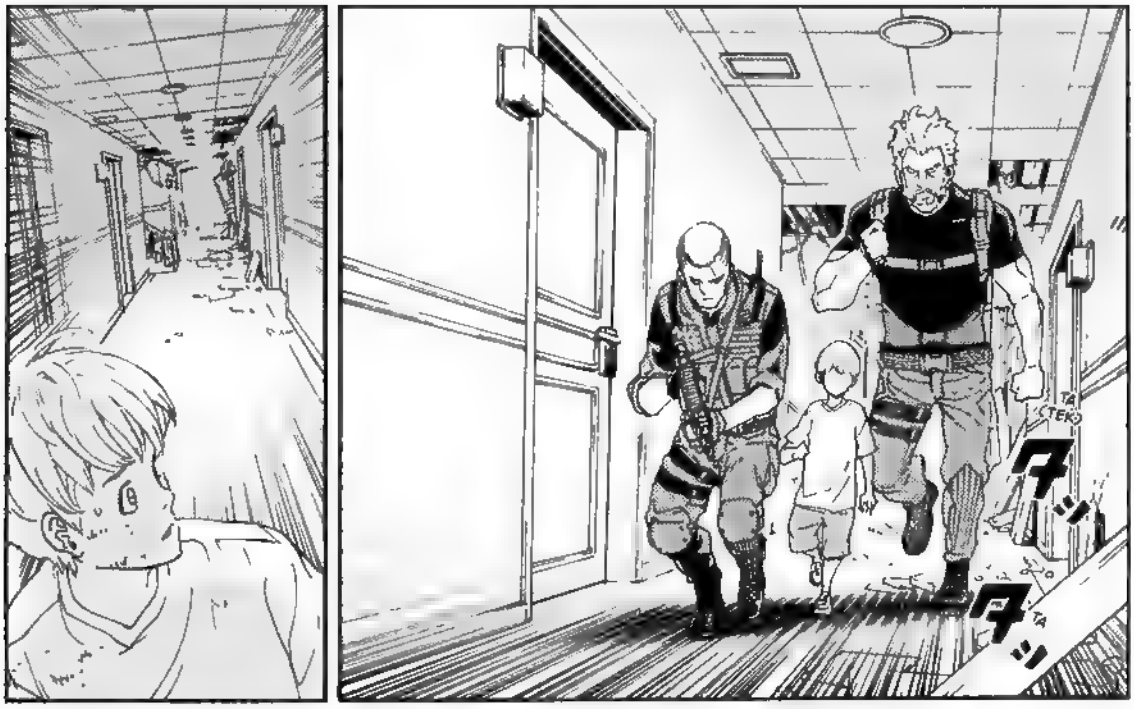
THERE'S A SLAVERY RING WITH A BUNCH OF ABDUCTED KIDS WHO ARE SCHEDULED TO BE SOLD IN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE DAYS.
IT'LL BE VERY HARD TO TRACK THEM AFTER THAT.
THERE'S ALSO A HIGH PROBABILITY THAT THEY'LL BE KILLED BEFORE THEY'RE FOUND.
I'M GONNA SLAUGHTER EVERY LAST ONE OF THESE PIGS.

ACTUAL ROUNDS ARE FORBIDDEN OUTSIDE OF AN EMERGENCY!
WE USE OUR USUAL NON-LETHAL WEAPONS ONLY.
I TRUST YOUR SKILLS. I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO SUCCEED IN OUR MISSION.
THEY'RE BOUND TO HAVE TOP-LEVEL WEAPONRY.
THESE GUYS ARE FLUSH WITH CASH FROM THEIR BUSINESS OF SELLING CHILDREN.
YEAH!!
DON'T GIVE IN! THESE SCUMBAGS ARE GONNA SPEND A LONG TIME BEHIND BARS REGRETTING THEIR SINS!!


WE CAN ONLY FIT TWO IN THESE SAFETY BAGS.
IT'LL KEEP YOU SAFE.
ALL OF YOU, IN HERE.

OKAY... WE'LL BE HERE TO KEEP YOU SAFE.
DON'T WORRY, JUST FOLLOW BEHIND US.

I-I'LL RUN.


TA
(TEK)
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TA

CENTRAL HALLWAY SECURED.
TRANSPORTING THE TARGETS NOW.

DON'T LET THOSE BASTARDS ANYWHERE NEAR US!!

ROGER THAT.

ROGER THAT.
TATATA (RATTA)
DON
DON
DON (B-AM)

TATATAN (RATTA)
タタタン
バ (WHOOSH)
ハ
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TA (TEK)
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ガ (DAK)
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GA

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コク
KOKU (NOD)
...ARE THEY THE ONES WHO BEAT YOU?
TATATAN
!?
CHUN (TWING)
チュン
DAMMIT! WE WERE JUST GONNA MOVE OUT TOMORROW!
SONUV-ABITCH! WHO ARE THEY WITH!?

BA (LEAD)
GA (WHAM)
GAHK !!

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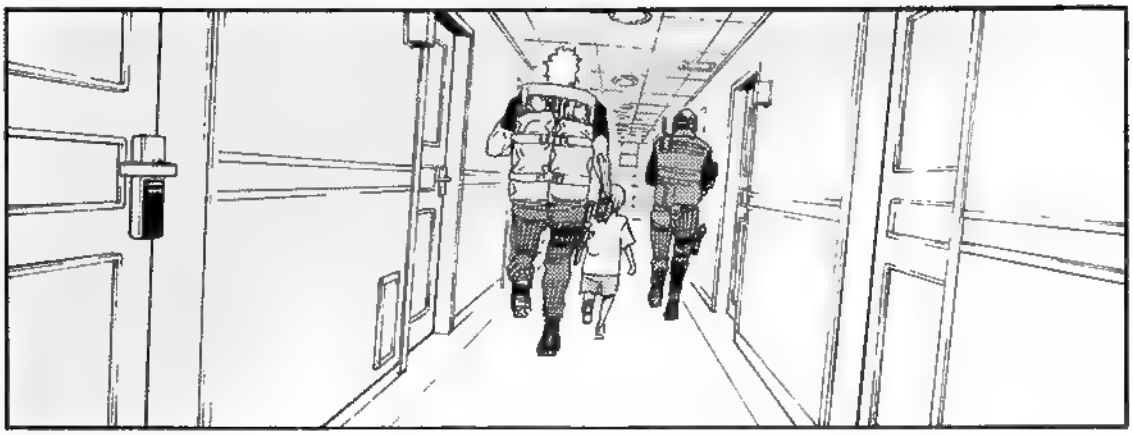
ゴッ

WH-
WHEN
DID
YOU...
SHIT!!
DON
(BLAM)

THIS IS THE ONE WITH ACTUAL BULLETS JUST IN CASE
GAAH !!
AAAAH !!

JUST LIKE WITH HARUKA TOOYAMA, IT'S ALWAYS THE SCUM WHO REIGN SUPREME.



SHALL WE GO, CAPTAIN?
YEAH, TAKE US OUT.
...
BETTER THINK OF A PROPER PUNISHMENT.
YOU'RE RIGHT...
IT'S NOT GOOD FOR THE CAPTAIN HIMSELF TO BREAK THE TEAM'S RULES.
I JUST PRAY THAT THE DAY COMES THAT THE SCARS ON HIS HEART WILL HEAL...

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FIRST INVES-TIGATION SECTION
POLICE HQ
...
KACHI
KACHI (CLICK)
KACHI
STRIP

GASHA (CREAK)
GASHA
SAY, GENDA.
バシャ
BASHA (SPLASH)
バシャ
BASHA

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AS POTENTIALLY THE BEST KENDO FIGHTER IN JAPAN, HOW DID OUR ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR STRIKE YOU?
WHAT'S UP?
ACTUALLY...I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS POSSIBLE TO DO SO MUCH WITH A BAMBOO SHINAI USING THE OLD WAYS.

WHERE DID YOU FIND A TALENT LIKE HIM?
I'M GLAD YOU AGREE!
WITHOUT HYPER-BOLE...
...I'D SAY HE COULD EASILY CONTEND TO WIN THE TOURNAMENT.
...
HIS PARENTS DIED IN AN ACCIDENT. THE BOY'S AN ORPHAN, THROUGH AND THROUGH.
HE WOUND UP WITH US TEN YEARS AGO. I RECOGNIZED HIS TALENT.

I HAVE NO HEIR TO THE DOJO.
I THINK THAT ONE DAY, HE MIGHT SERVE THAT PURPOSE.

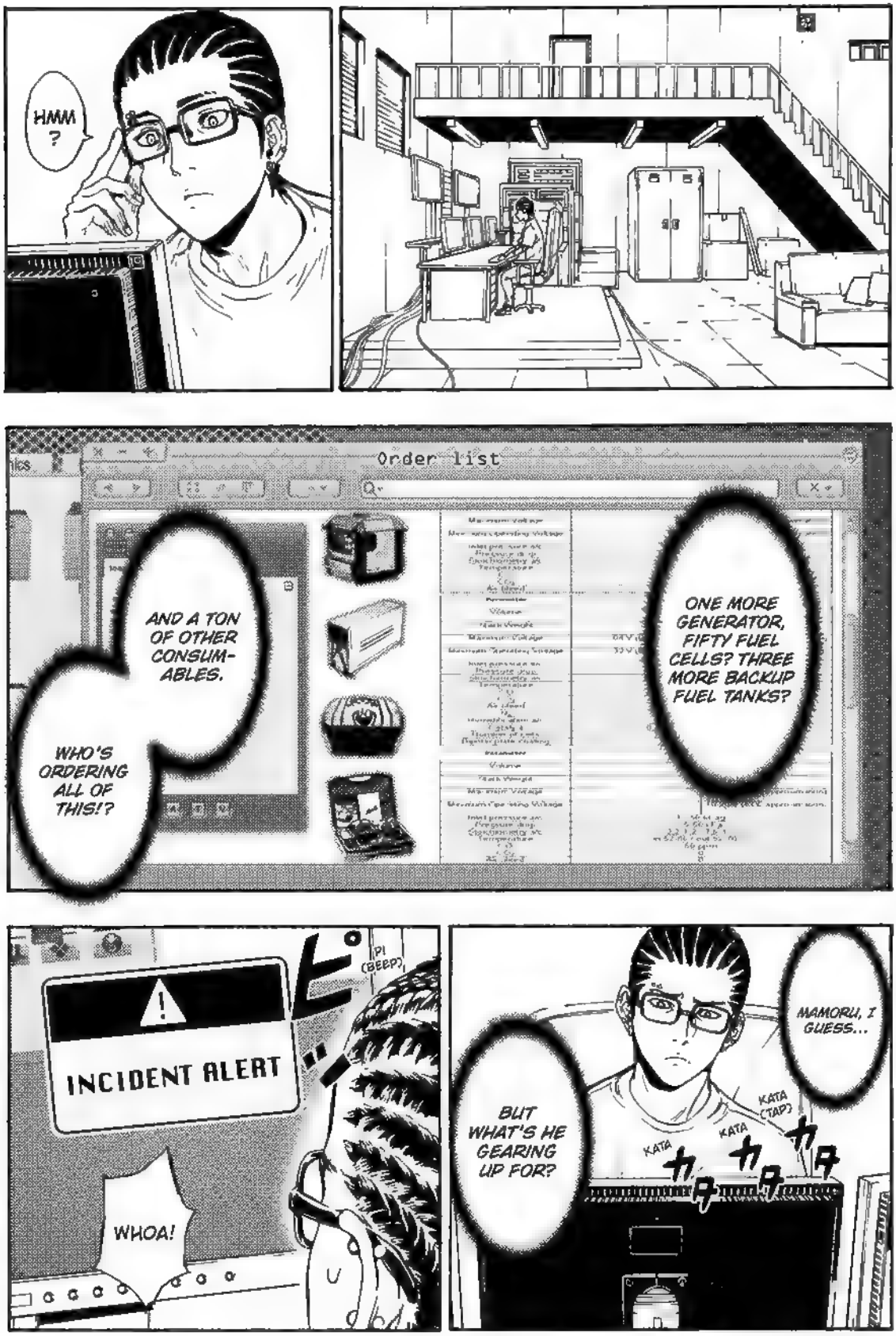
PSSH!
...
HIGH PRAISE FROM CRANKY OLD MASTER MAKABE.
OH, STUFF IT!
BUT WITH HIS TALENT, I DON'T THINK HE'LL BE SATISFIED WITH JUST THAT.

WHO KNOWS ...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
HE MIGHT FLY OFF FOR GREATER SKIES.
BUT WHEN THE MOMENT COMES, I WANT TO SEE HIM OFF WITH A SMILE.
...
...

...AND THAT'S HOW THE SON OF A BITCH REPAID HIM...

SA (SWISH)
GUGU (CLENCH)
ZAWA (MURMUR)
HEY, WAIT.
DADA (LEAP)
HMM !?

WE GOT AN ATTEMPTED MURDER.
AT-TEMPTED ?
WHAT'S UP, GENDA-SAN?
WHAT HAPPENED !?
IS THAT SO?
BUT THE SUSPECT'S A REAL PAIN IN THE ASS.


HMM ?
Order list
ONE MORE GENERATOR, FIFTY FUEL CELLS? THREE MORE BACKUP FUEL TANKS?
AND A TON OF OTHER CONSUM-ABLES.
WHO'S ORDERING ALL OF THIS!?
PI (BEEP)
INCIDENT ALERT
WHOA!
MAMORU, I GUESS...
KATA (TAP)
KATA
KATA
BUT WHAT'S HE GEARING UP FOR?

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PIII
ピ
PIII
ピ
PIII
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PIII
(BEEP)
...TIME TO GO...
カシュッ
KASHU
(SHHIK)

!?
OUR VICTIM IS...
...A GIRL IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
WHAT'S THIS!?

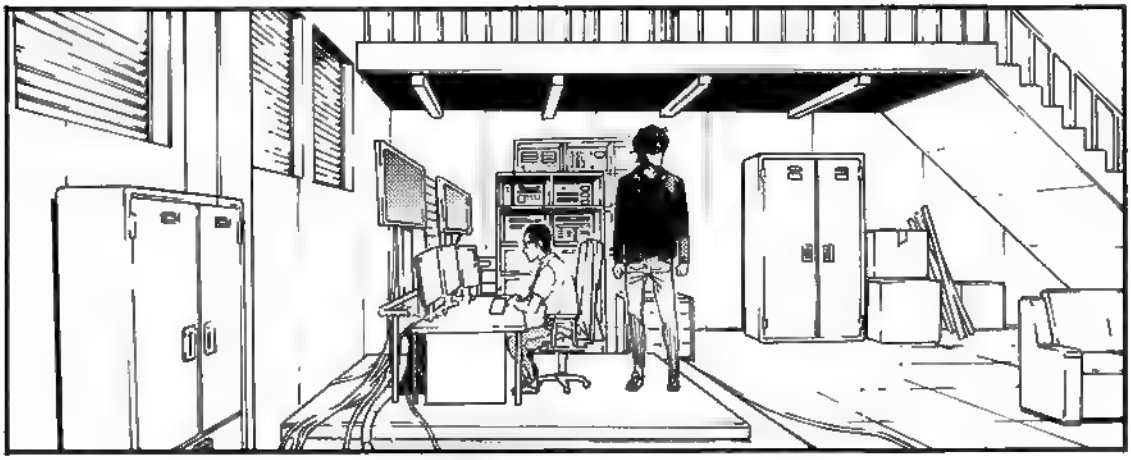
BUN (WHOOSH)
SUTA (TEP)
SUTA
WE'VE GOT A CASE.
...
...
WHICH MEANS WE'RE JUST LEAVING IT FOR THE POLICE, YEAH?
IT'S JUST AN ALERT, NOT A SUMMONS, RIGHT?
... WHAT'S UP?

WELL, I'M GOING.
UH... WHAT'S UP WITH YOU TWO?
NOTHING!
...
I'M WORKING ALONE ON THIS ONE. IT'S NOT THAT BIG OF A FISH.
SERI-OUSLY !?
BA (WHOOSH)

I'LL FIND HIM, BEAT THE CRAP OUTTA HIM, AND HAND HIM OVER TO THE COPS.
JA (ZZIP)
ジャッ
...
SUTA (TEK)
スタ
SUTA
スタ

YOU'RE GOING TOO.
DAI.
WH-WHAT!?
IF YOU FIND THE GUY, MAKE SURE YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CAPTURES HIM. GOT THAT!?
WORK WITH JULIET.
UH, SURE ...
I GOT IT.

YOU DON'T NEED TO COME FOR THIS ONE, HARUKA.
KACHI (CLICK)
カチ
It's not a mission for kids.
...



DOES THIS ONE...

YOU MUST BE MONITORING THE DETAILS WITH YOUR GLASSES.
YOU'RE CORRECT.

...TIE BACK TO A CRIME RELATING TO YOU?
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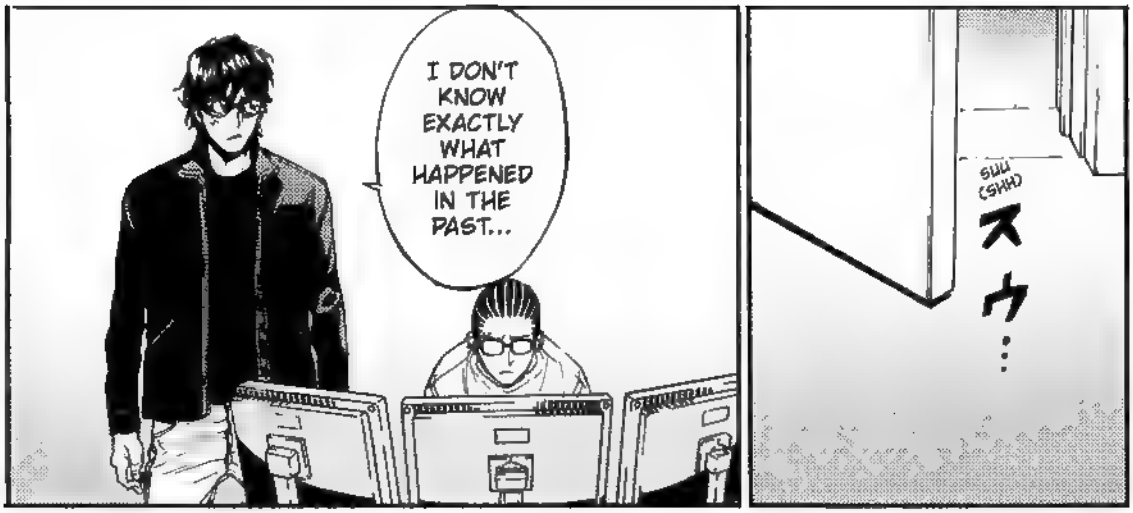

I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST...
スウ…
SUU (SHH)

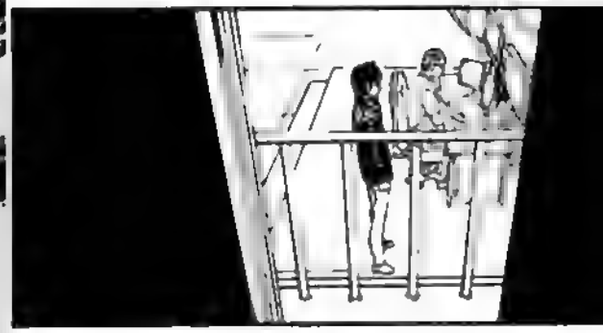
...BUT IT'S THE GUY WHO KILLED YOUR SISTER, ISN'T IT?
...

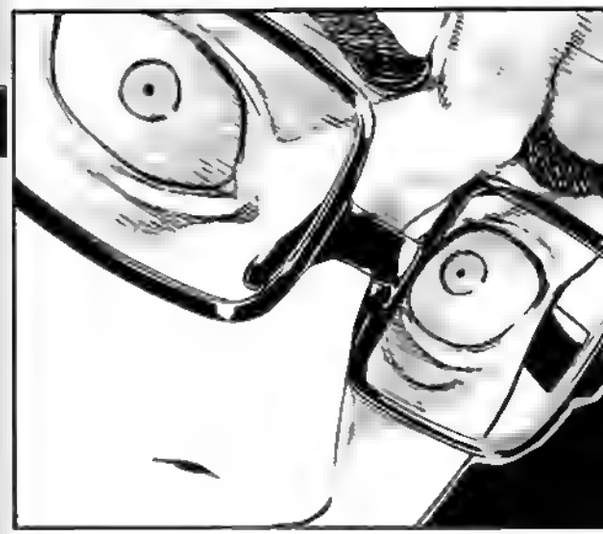
THEN JUST SAY THE WORD. ONE WORD.

AND I'LL CUT HIM TO FUCKING PIECES. NO HESITATION, NO MERCY.

LET ME SAY THIS FIRST, THEN.

IF YOU HATE THIS GUY ENOUGH TO KILL HIM...





THEN JUST SAY THE WORD. ONE WORD.
LET ME SAY THIS FIRST, THEN.
IF YOU HATE THIS GUY ENOUGH TO KILL HIM...
ピッ
BIKU
SWITCH

AND I'LL CUT HIM TO FUCKING PIECES. NO HESITATION, NO MERCY.

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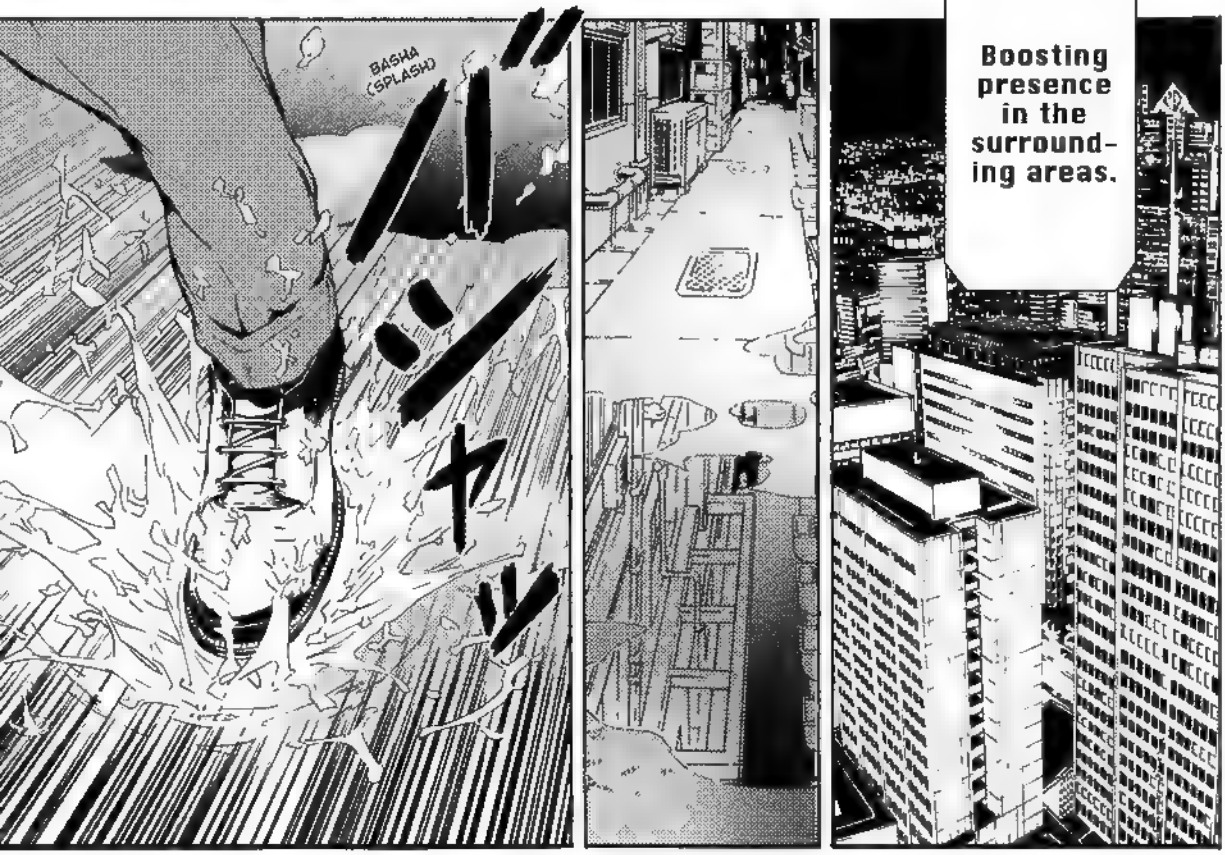
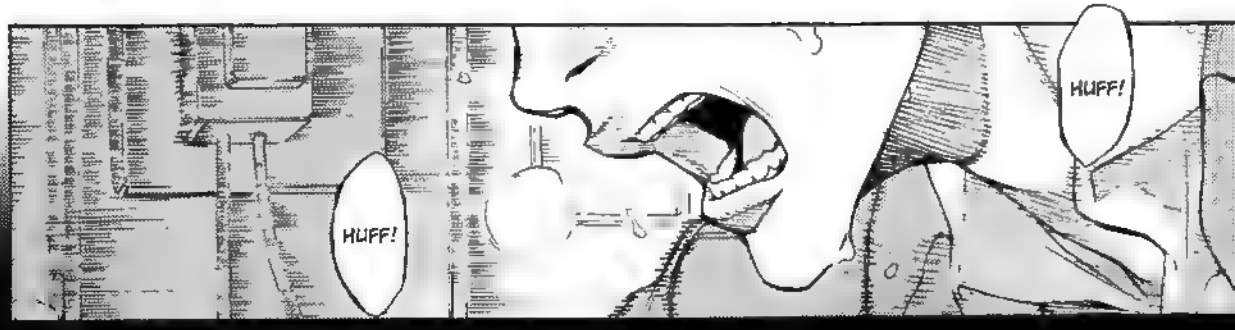
Suspect is Shinji Ebata, age 24.

Last known sighting was on foot proceeding west on a street adjacent to Arakawa Amusement Park.


BASHA (SPLASH)
Boosting presence in the surrounding areas.

HUFF!
HUFF!


HUFF!
HUFF!

...

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KUH ..
RRRGH
HEY!
KAHK!
HURP!

SHIT!
SHIT!
...SHIT!
SHIT!!
SHIT!!

KILL HIM...?
THIS GUY!?

...
DON'T YOU HATE HIM?
WELL, YEAH...

THE NETWORK HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS.
I'M TELLING YOU TO DECIDE OF YOUR OWN FREE WILL.
IT'S NOT APPROVED BY THE NETWORK.
NO ONE ELSE HAS THE RIGHT TO KILL THAT CRIMINAL AND AVENGE HIS CRIMES.
ONLY YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

GET READY TO LEAVE.

...

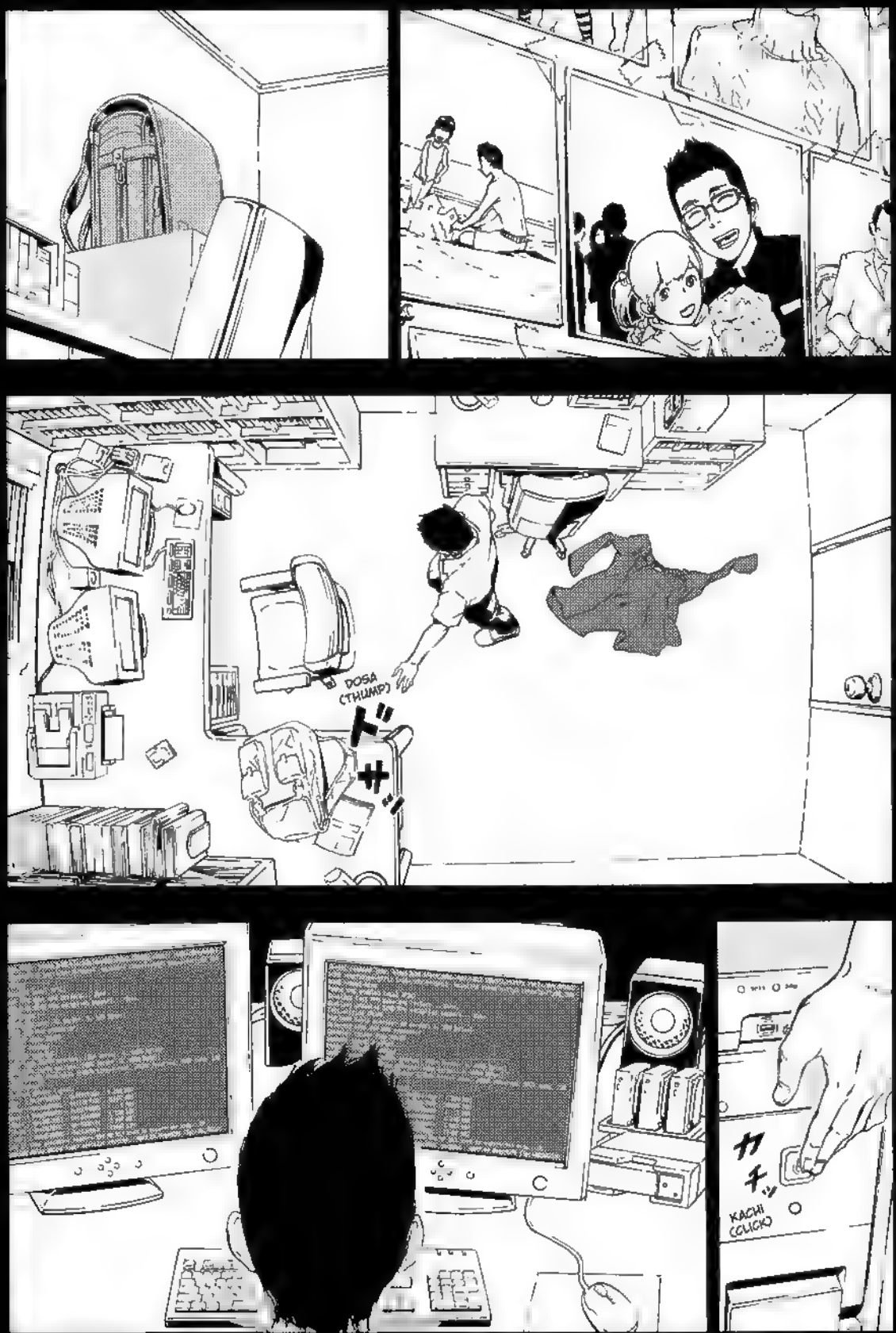
!?
BA (WHOOSH)

THAT'S FINE. I SAID IT LOUD ENOUGH SO YOU COULD HEAR.
HUH!?
WERE YOU LISTENING IN ON THAT?
ER, I... YES...
REMEMBER HOW I SAID YOU DIDN'T NEED TO COME THIS TIME?
HUH!?
BUT— MAMORU-SAN!

...YOU GOTTA BE AWARE THAT YOU MIGHT SEE SOMETHING YOU'LL WISH YOU HADN'T.
UH...
...
ALL RIGHT. IF YOU REALLY WANT TO TAG ALONG...
AND...
...I HAVE ONE CONDITION.
???

DON
(WHAM)

IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A JUST LIKE ANY OTHER DAY.
HOOOME ...
...
IS THAT WHAT YOU CALL A PROPER GREETING !?


DOSA
(THUMP)
ドサッ
カチッ
KACHI
(CLICK)

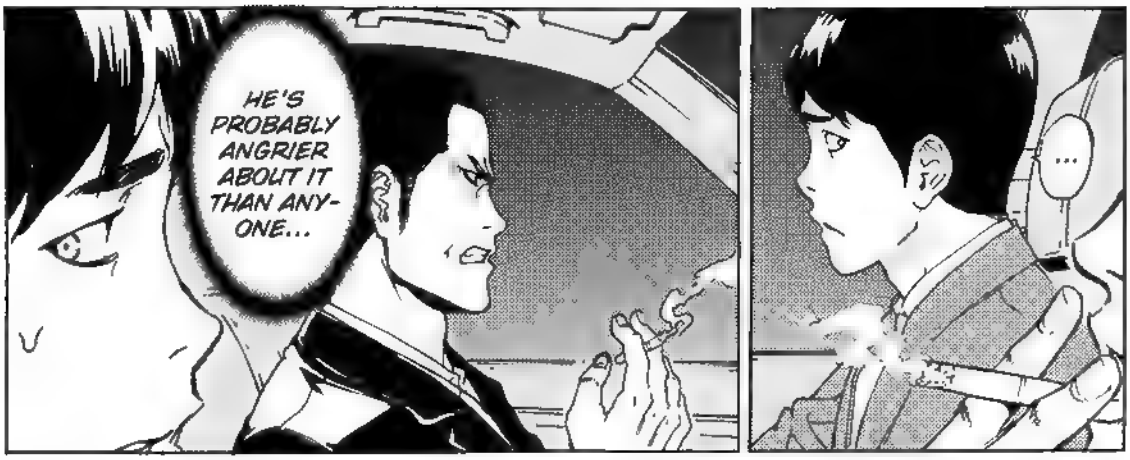
KATA
KATA
KATA

WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
?

ブオオオ
BUOOO (VRRRM)

THE GUY'S BACK AT IT.
REALLY MAKES YOU SICK, DOESN'T IT...?

JUVENILE LAW WAS A LOT WEAKER A DECADE AGO.
NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT!


HE'S PROBABLY ANGRIER ABOUT IT THAN ANY-ONE...
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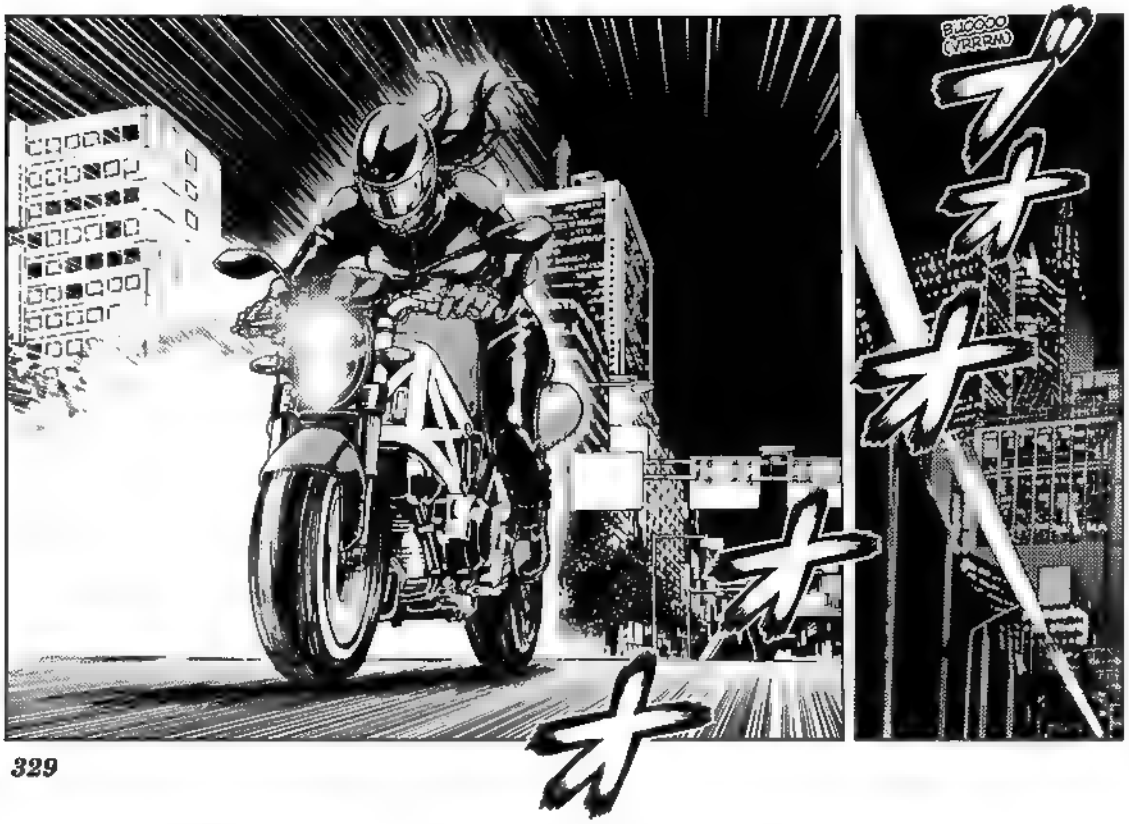
BUOOOO (VRRRM)
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SHINJI EBATA, AGE 24. HE'S GOT A RECORD!
OFFICERS CALLED AFTER HE WAS WITNESSED ATTEMPTING TO THROTTLE A FIFTH-GRADE GIRL IN ARAKAWA WARD. HE'S CURRENTLY ON THE RUN.
...MOTHER-FUCKER...
AT FOURTEEN, HE STRANGLED A GIRL TO DEATH AND WAS SENTENCED TO REHABILITATION DUE TO HIS STATUS AS A MINOR. BUT THAT'S NOT HIS ENTIRE RECORD...

HE HASN'T REFORMED HIS WAYS IN THE TINIEST BIT.
AND GUYS WHO GO BACK TO THE WELL LIKE THIS ALWAYS HAVE OTHER SINS ON THEIR ACCOUNT WE JUST DON'T KNOW ABOUT.
HEY! DON'T JUST RUN OFF ON YOUR OWN!
KIKI (SCREECH)
ARE YOU LISTEN-ING TO ME!?
...

WE'VE GOT TO AVOID THESE PATROL OFFICERS ON OUR WAY.
YOU TAKE THAT WAY. I'LL GO HERE.
POLICE
POLICE
POLICE
POLICE
POLICE
IT WAS SMART OF YOU NOT TO BRING OUT BUCEPHALUS ON THIS STEALTH MISSION.
UH ...
YEAH ...
LISTEN UP, WE'RE DEALING WITH A PIECE OF SHIT WHO ATTACKS CHILDREN! DON'T YOU DARE LET HIM GET AWAY WITH IT!!

ブォォォ
DAMN, SHE'S PISSED
ブォォォ
ブォォォ

...
SO I'M NOT ALLOWED TO SAY WHAT I FORE-SEE...?
WHAT IS MAMORU-SAN THINKING?

DRAWING: ONII-CHAN

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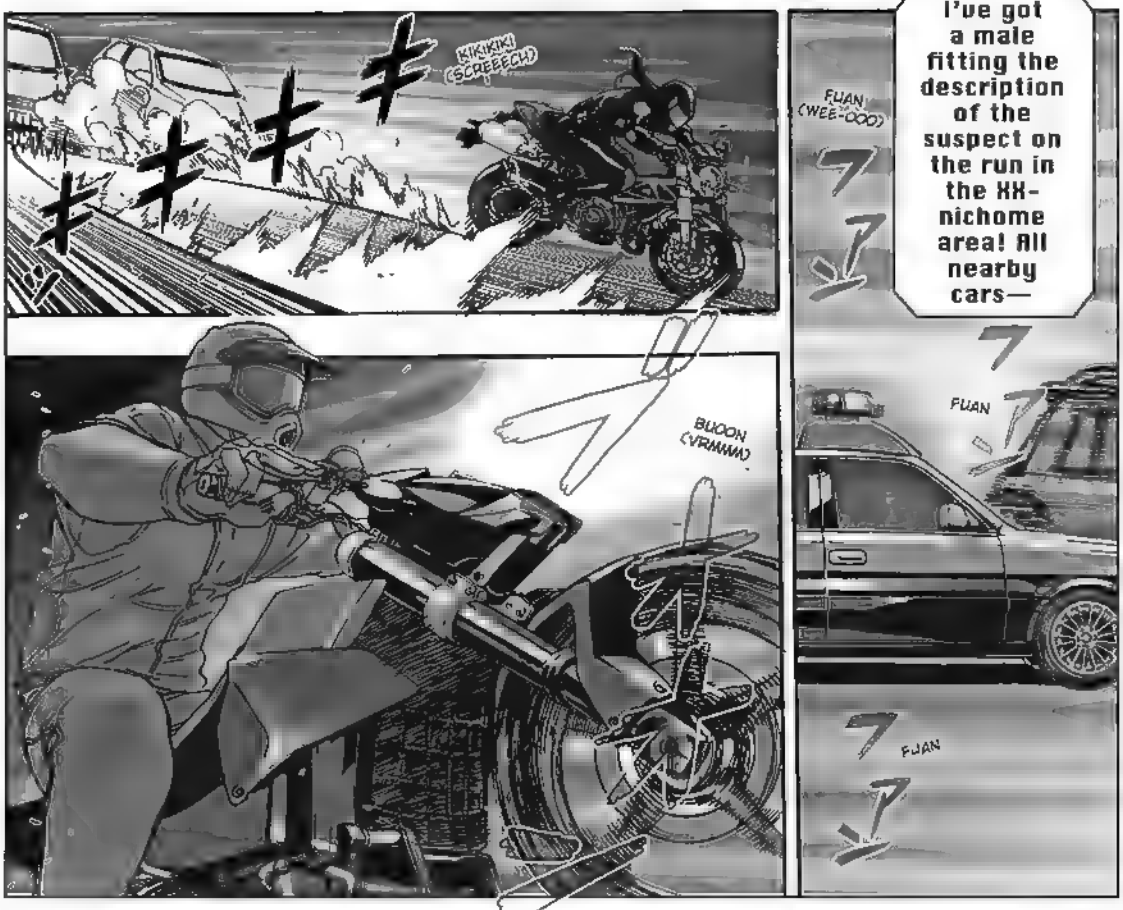
HANG ON!
KIKII (SCREEK)
PA (FLASH)
警視庁
YOU THERE, STOP!!


KIKIKIKI (SCREEECH)
BUOON (VRMMM)
FUAN (WEE-OOO)
I've got a male fitting the description of the suspect on the run in the XX-nichome area! All nearby cars—
FUAN
FUAN

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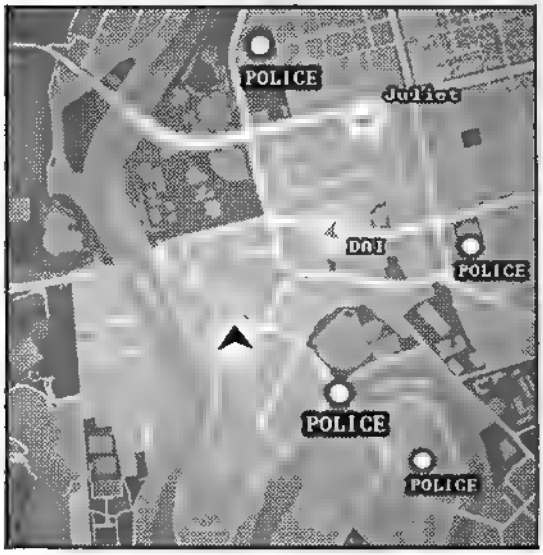
POLICE
Juliet
DOI
POLICE
POLICE
POLICE

...

YOU GOT THE PLAN FLESHED OUT?

...
UH, YEAH.
HAH! I AIN'T GONNA GET LOCKED UP AGAIN FOR SOMETHIN' I DIDN'T EVEN FINISH!
ZA
ZA

THIS IS PERFECT ...
AND I'LL GET MY ESCAPE WHEELS IN THE PROCESS!
ダ
DA (DASH)

GABA
(CLINGE)
BOKI
(CRUNK)

AAAH!
GAAAHK!!

BUT IT'S POINTLESS.
THAT'S SO BRAVE OF YOU NOT TO CRY OUT IN PAIN WHEN YOUR FINGER IS BROKEN.
DON'T WANT TO ALERT THE POLICE?
AGH ...
HAH ...
TOO LATE FOR REGRETS.
I'LL TURN YOU IN BY MAKING YOU SCREAM SO THEY HEAR YOU.
GUI CHANG
AAAGH !!
PA (FLASH)

VIGILANTE LYNCHING IS ILLEGAL IN JAPAN.
THAT'S FAR ENOUGH, LITTLE LADY.
!?

SO ARE YOU GONNA HAND HIM OVER?
POLICE.
THAT'S A WANTED SUSPECT YOU'VE GOT THERE.
...HOW DID HE...???
THIS IS A PEDESTRIAN STREET. YOU CAN'T BE RIDING A MOTORCYCLE UP HERE.

SO THAT'S WHY HE HAD THOSE SIRENS BLAZING.
PRETTY SMART FOR A COP...
IT'S FUNNY, I WAS STAKING OUT THIS SPOT TO KEEP ANY OTHER PATROL CARS FROM COMING...
...AND IT TURNS OUT THAT SOMEONE ELSE ALREADY BEAT ME TO THE PUNCH.
...
WAIT...IS THIS THE AGENT WHO REPORTED ON INDIA BACK THEN?
DOES HE KNOW... WHO I AM?
OH, WELL... GUESS I WON'T GET A CHANCE TO PUNISH THIS PRICK.
DO YOU MIND? NO HARM CAUSED YET, SO YOU CAN LET THE POLICE HANDLE THIS.
YOUR ASSISTANCE IS GREATLY APPRECI-ATED.

NOT YET.
HNNG!
I'VE STILL GOT BUSINESS WITH HIM.

PRIVATE BUSINESS.
OH, CRAP...
HIJI-KATA!?
MAMO—
...WHAT'S GOING ON ...???
I JUST NEED TO ARREST HIM TO PUT THIS ONE IN THE BOOKS! WHY WOULD HE SHOW UP NOW!?
WHAT DOES HE THINK HE'S DOING?

EXACTLY!
YOU REALLY WANT TO COMMIT OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE?
THEN TAKE HIM BY FORCE!
JAKIN (CH-KING)
THIS DOESN'T SOUND LIKE PART OF YOUR GROUP'S PURVIEW.
THEY'RE GIVING ME FREE RANGE.

YOU'RE ON!!
DA (LEAP)
GA (WHAM)

AH...
GA (WHAM)
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GACHA (CLICK)
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ガ"!
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OH NO!
カ

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU THINKING!?
DAM-MIT!
GAGA (WHAM)
DOOA (THWUD)
ZUSHA (SRSH)

TA
TA (TEK)
GASU (THWAND)
GA (WHAKK)

BLOOD VRRRM
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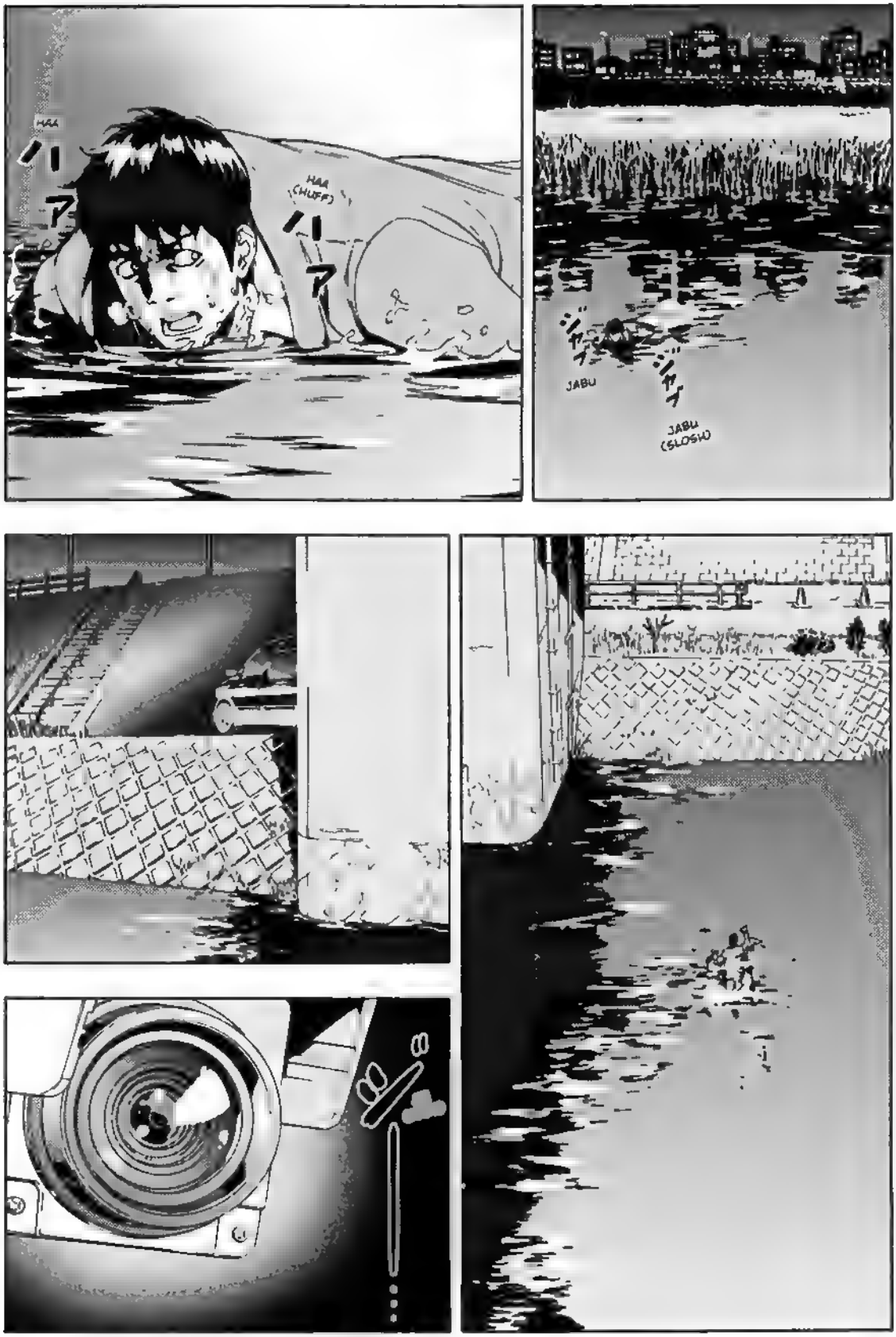
WHAT DOES MAMORU THINK HE'S DOING!?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HAA (HUFF)
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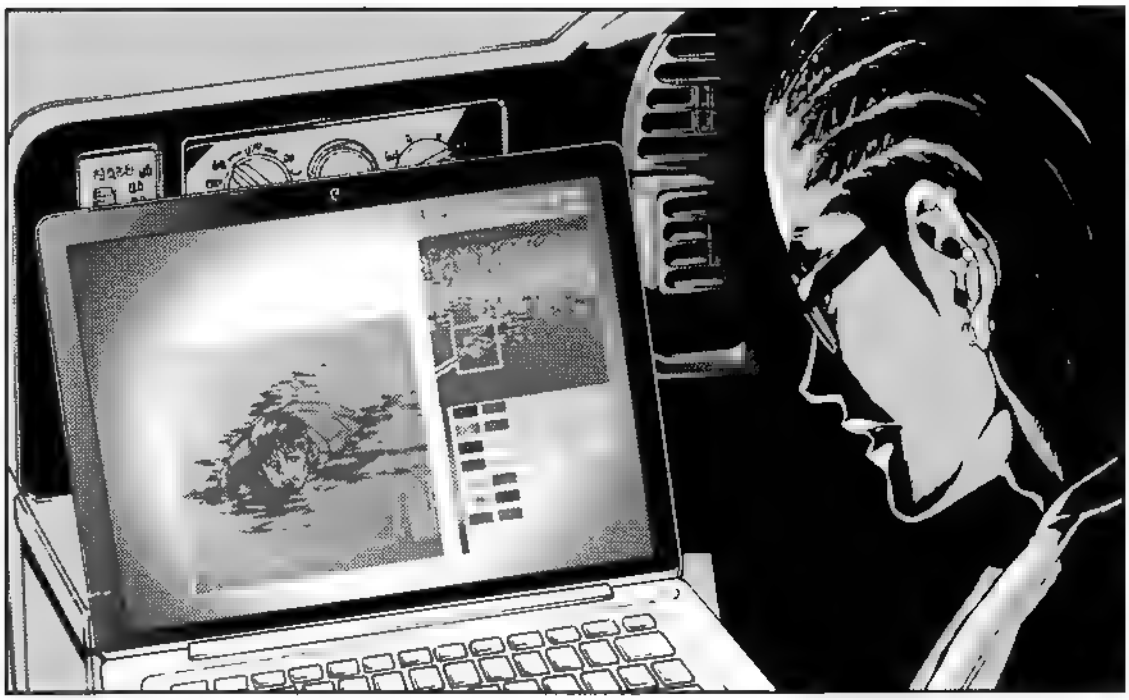
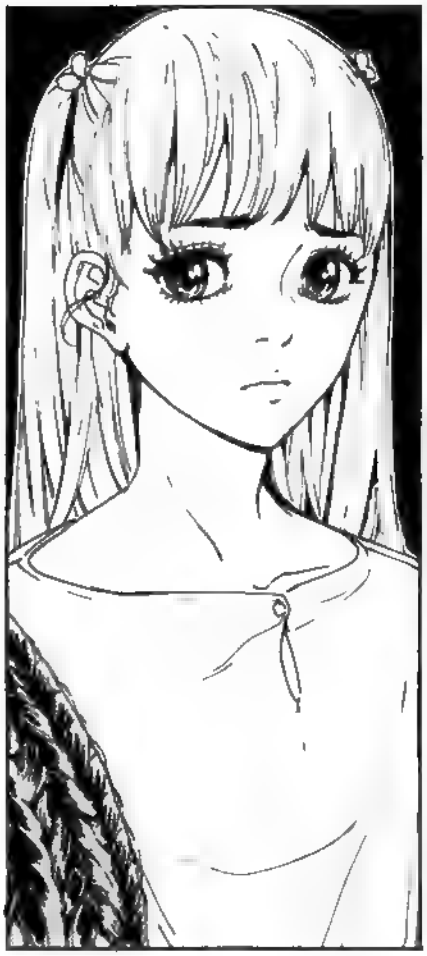
JABU
ジャブ
JABU (SLOSH)





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НАНН!
НАНН!
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THERE'S NO POLICE PATROL ALONG THIS ROUTE.
THE SIRENS WILL PUSH HIM ALONG THE RIVER-BED.
POLICE
POLICE
POLICE
POLICE
SO IF WE WAIT AROUND HERE...
...HE SHOULD COME RIGHT TOWARD US, SHOULDN'T HE?
THEY'RE TAKING THAT FORMATION ON PURPOSE, LEAVING HIM AN ESCAPE ROUTE RIGHT THERE.
THE COPS AREN'T STUPID.
HUH?
THEY'RE STRING-ING HIM ALONG ...

AND THE RIVERBED'S WIDE, SO THERE'S NO GUARANTEE YOU COULD GET HIM.
WE'LL NEED ANOTHER STEP...
...HMM !?
SO... IT WOULD BE TOO DANGEROUS TO LET HIM COME STRAIGHT FOR US.
JULIET...
SHE'S GONNA USE HERSELF AS BAIT FOR A TRAP.
Juliet
GIRL'S GOT SMARTS.
SHE GOT THE JUMP ON US.
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?

DO I LOOK LIKE A MAN WHO TELLS JOKES?
WHICH MEANS I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO JUMP INTO THE FRAY.
OH, COME ON... ARE YOU SERIOUS!?
NO, BUT—
...ALL RIGHT, FINE.
...
GA CHAAN

GU
GU
GU
(HRRRG)

YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY!!

ACK!
BLOOD

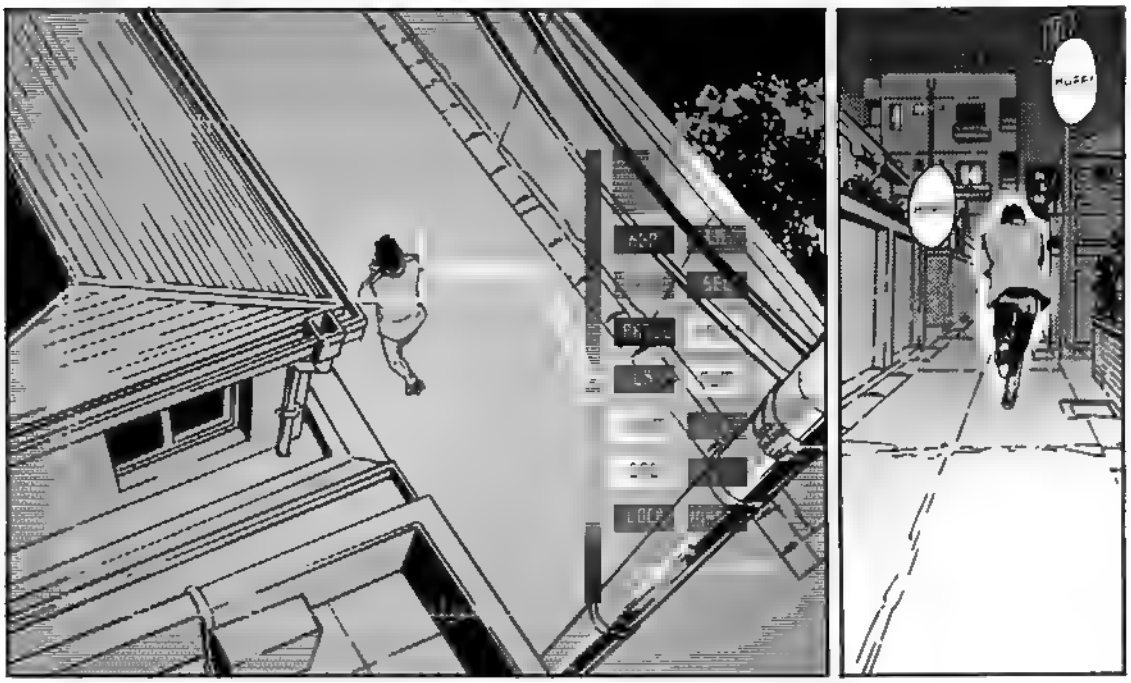
BUON
(VWOOM)

WHO'S THAT!?

FLOOR IT!
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER!
UH, OKAY.
BA (LEAP)
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON!?
BUOOOO
BUON (VRAOO)

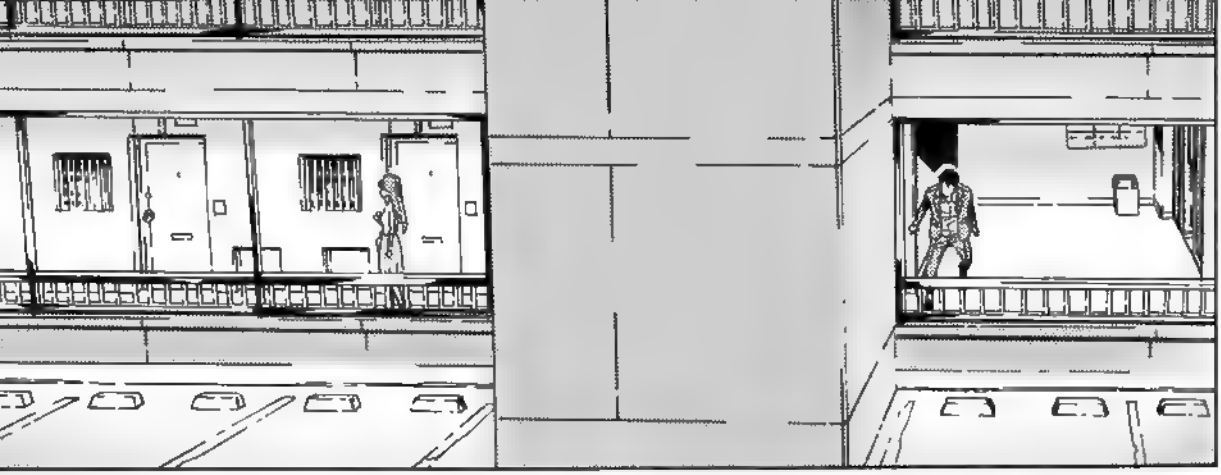
GENDA-SAN!
...DAMMIT...
ALERT ALL UNITS TO SEARCH THE ARAKAWA RIVER, INCLUDING THE FAR BANK!
ON THE DOUBLE!!
DA (DASH)
Y-YES, SIR!
WELL, HE WON'T GET AWAY ...
HE LET A CONVICTED CRIMINAL ESCAPE ...
PRIVATE BUSINESS.
...BECAUSE OF "PRIVATE BUSINESS"!?

HUFF!
HUFF!


HUFF!

YOU GOT IT.
THIS IS A SEMI-AUTONOMOUS PURSUIT HELI-CAM I ORDERED, AFTER GETTING THE IDEA FROM FANG'S DRONES.
IGAWA-SAN, IS THIS FOOTAGE FROM...?
OHH ...
IT CAN'T ATTACK, BUT IT WILL FOLLOW ITS TARGET IN SILENCE ONCE IT'S LOCKED ON.
ITS VIDEO FEED IS ENCODED SUCH THAT ANYONE CAN CHECK IT.
HUH !?

N/A (SMILE)
THE SICK CREEP! IS HE GONNA FOLLOW HER HOME!?



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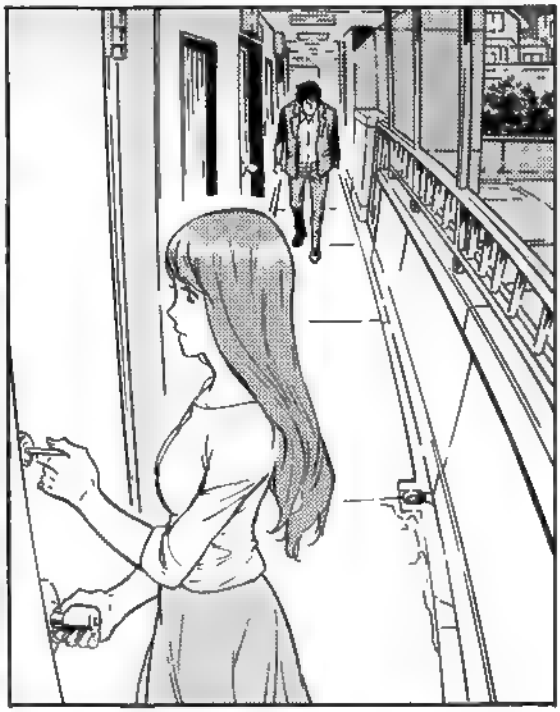
(WHOOSH)



BA
(ZWOOP)
パタン
PATAN
(THUMP)

HYAAAA !!
AAAH !!
YEEP !?

BAN (WHAM)
BAN
KURU (SPIN)
HAH!
HAH!
SHIT!
YOU'RE JUST TRAPPING YOURSELF LIKE A RAT INSIDE THIS BUILDING.
YOU IDIOT...

SORRY, BUT HE'S MINE.
GU (WIDE)
Dai.
WHAT DO YOU WANT!?
ウィィィン
UHHH (VWEE)
YOU THINK I BROUGHT YOU ALL THIS WAY FOR NOTHING!?
SCREW THAT!
Eh ???
I OWE YOU ONE.

WHY'S HE ACTING ALL APPRE-CIATIVE NOW???
WH-WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT!?
H-HEY!
WAIT UP!
Dai-san, it's urgent
WH-WHAT'S UP!?
3F

KO (TOK)
KO
KO
KO
3F
HAH!
HAH!
KACHI (CLICK)
KACHI
KACHI
WHY ISN'T IT COM-ING!?

FUCK!!

BAN (WHAM)

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GAH!
バタン
BATAN (SLAM)
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コッ
KO
ガチガチガチ
GACHI GACHI GACHI
GACHI (KRATTLE)
ZUGA (KSHUNK)

キン
KIKIN (KTING)
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DOGA (THWAM)
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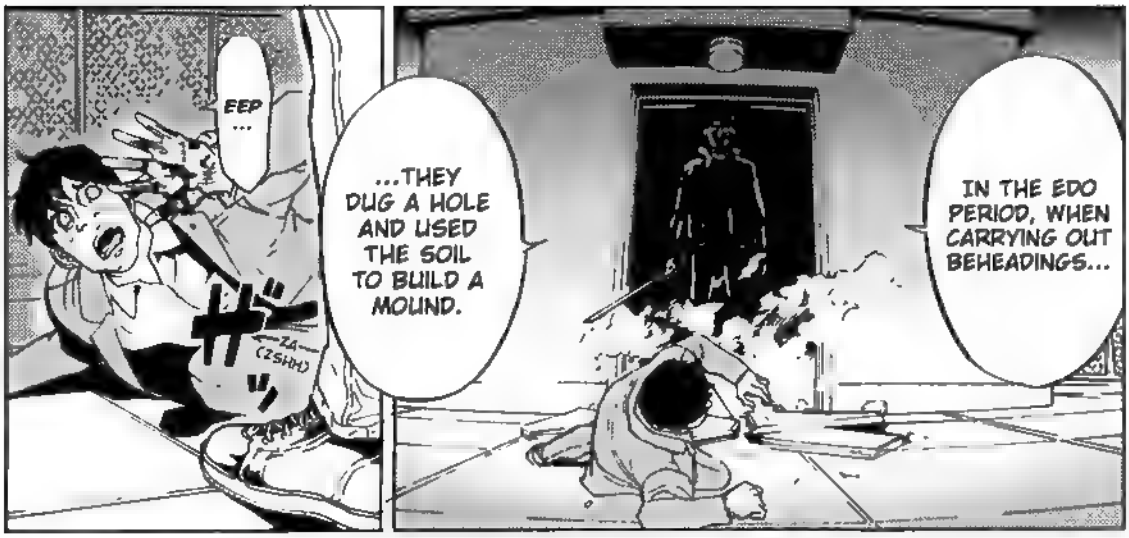
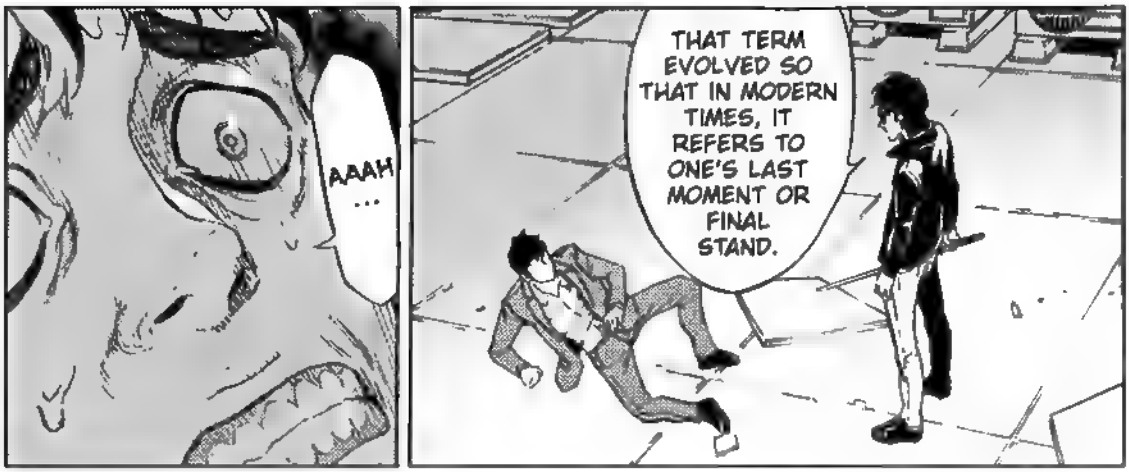
SUU (SWIS)


EEP...
ZA— (ZSHH)
...THEY DUG A HOLE AND USED THE SOIL TO BUILD A MOUND.
IN THE EDO PERIOD, WHEN CARRYING OUT BEHEADINGS...

THIS WAS CALLED THE "DOTANBA," OR ALTAR OF SOIL.
THE GUILTY WAS PLACED UPON THE MOUND SO THAT WHEN HIS HEAD WAS SEVERED, IT FELL INTO THE HOLE.


AAAH...
THAT TERM EVOLVED SO THAT IN MODERN TIMES, IT REFERS TO ONE'S LAST MOMENT OR FINAL STAND.

AND YOU PICKED A SUITABLY PATHETIC ONE!!
THIS IS YOUR "DOTANBA" !!

Until
Death
do us
Part

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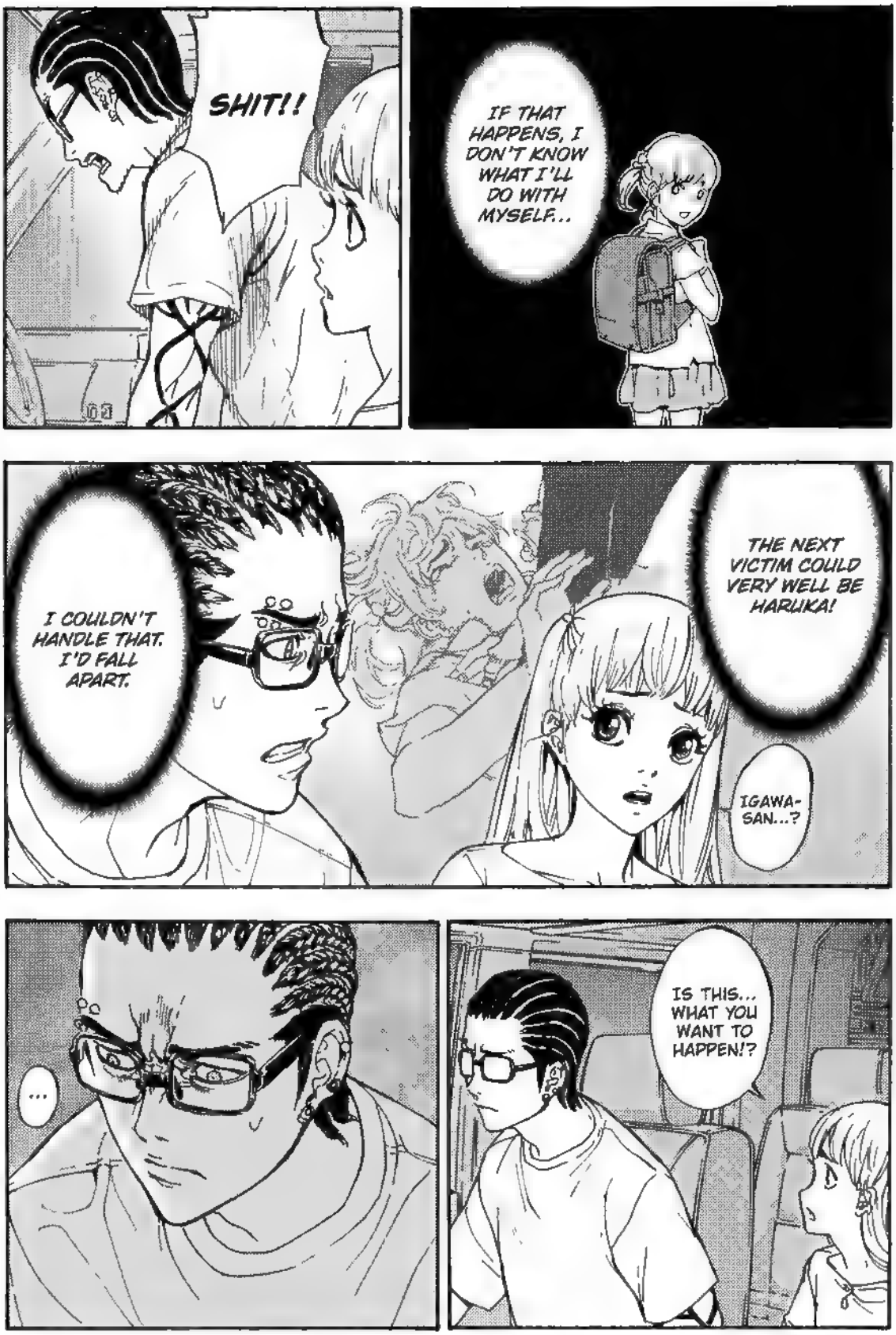
LET MAMORU GET HIS HANDS DIRTY...?
SHOULD I LET THIS HAPPEN?
AND NEXT TIME, IT MIGHT BE ANOTHER VICTIM JUST LIKE MAHO...
HE DIDN'T CARRY IT ALL THE WAY THROUGH, WHICH MEANS HE'LL GET OUT AGAIN IN A FEW YEARS...
THEN AGAIN, THE GUY COMMITTED ANOTHER CRIME.


SHIT!!
IF THAT HAPPENS, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'LL DO WITH MYSELF...
I COULDN'T HANDLE THAT. I'D FALL APART.
THE NEXT VICTIM COULD VERY WELL BE HARUKA!
IGAWA-SAN...?
...
IS THIS... WHAT YOU WANT TO HAPPEN!?

Haruka! I told you not to mess around with this one!
I'M NOT "MESSING AROUND"!
IT'S IMPOR-TANT!!
THIS IS AN ISSUE OF HOW HE FEELS!!
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO ACT ON YOUR OWN WITHOUT HIS ANSWER AND DO SOMETHING THAT WILL CAUSE HIM REGRET FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE!?

THEN MAKE UP YOUR MIND NOW.
WHAT DO I DO WITH HIM?
...I SEE...
???
AAAH !!

I'LL LET THE OTHER FOLKS HANDLE IT.
I HATE TO GIVE IT TO HIJIKATA, BUT I OWE IGAWA PLENTY.
OH WELL, THEN...
OH, SO THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON...
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KA (FLASH)
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ZA (ZSH)

THIS IS IGAWA'S ISSUE.
WE CAN'T *HELP IT.*
YOU HEARD ALL THAT?
NO MATTER HOW IT GETS SETTLED, I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO BLAME HIM.
IT'S INFURI-ATING THAT I DIDN'T GET CONSULTED...
...BUT HE PROBABLY JUST DIDN'T WANT US TO GET WRAPPED UP IN HIS BUSINESS.
IS HE IN HERE?

WHA—?
!?
MY BUSINESS IS WITH HIJIKATA AND EBATA.
MIND YOURSELF, OR I'LL HAUL YOU IN TOO!!
STAY OUT OF THIS, ELEMENT NETWORK!
HEY, YOU!

...
IT'S THE JOB OF THE POLICE TO SERVE JUSTICE!
THE VICTIMS OF CRIMES AREN'T THE ONLY ONES WITH A SAY IN THIS.
AH!
AS LONG AS YOU SIT BACK AND WATCH, I'LL LET YOU WALK.
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GUI (YANK)
MAMORU !!
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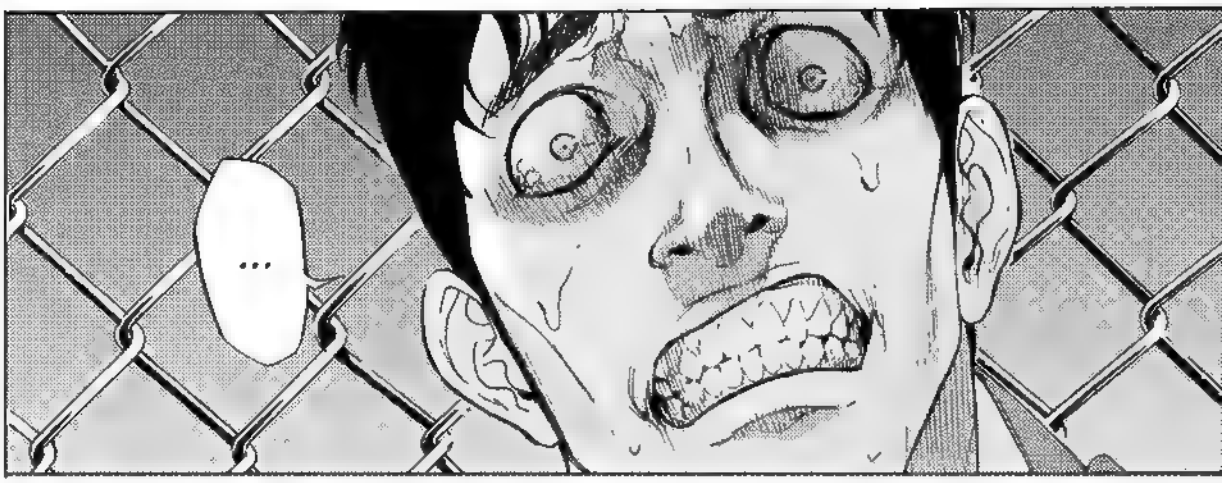
UIII (VWEEE)

SORRY, LOOKS LIKE WE'RE OUT OF TIME FOR DECISIONS.
...

I'M GONNA SLICE HIM IN TWO.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WHAT DID I DO TO DESERVE THIS TREAT-MENT!?
WH-WHAT THE HELL, MAN!?
I JUST CHOKED SOME STUPID GIRL, THAT'S ALL!

Who cares what happens to some, some...

...SOME STUPID PLAIN OLD POOR GIRL!?

I DIDN'T EVEN KILL HER!
I WAS JUST PISSED OFF!

HOW DOES THAT SOUND? PRETTY GOOD, HUH?
TELL YOU WHAT, I'LL TALK TO MY DAD AND HAVE HIM PAY YOU
HE'LL GIVE YOU 100 MILLION YEN FOR LETTING ME GO

YEEP!

MAMORU-SAN—

STOP !!

...
...
DON'T KILL HIM.

IN MY MIND, THE BEST REVENGE ...
...IS ENSURING HE NEVER WALKS FREE AGAIN.
HE'LL SPEND THE MAJORITY OF HIS LIFE, AT HIS PRIME...
...TRAPPED IN PRISON, WHERE HE CAN'T DO ANYTHING HE WANTS.

WOULDN'T THAT BE THE LIVING HELL HE DESERVES?

BUT...YOU CAN'T...

HUH!?
All right.

I GET IT.

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ズン

I KNEW HE WAS A SCUMBAG...
...BUT THAT PROVED HE'S ROTTEN TO THE CORE.
YEAH.
YOU HEARD HIS PLEA, DIDN'T YOU?
I WAS GONNA JUST RUN HIM THROUGH ...
...BUT I'M GIVING HIM TO YOU INSTEAD.
BUT NOT YET.
OH YEAH ...?

LET ME ASK YOU.
WHY DO THE POLICE EXIST?
THAT'S NOT GOING TO FLY.
I'M NOT GOING TO SIT BY AND WATCH YOUR VIGILANTE LYNCHING. I'M A COP.
...
AND THIS IS A LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN?
FOR THE SAKE OF LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS.

SUCKS TO BE YOU.
THE LAW SAYS THAT THIS PIECE OF SHIT HAS THE RIGHT TO LIFE, REGARDLESS OF THE FACT THAT HE VIOLATED THE RIGHTS OF HIS VICTIMS.
WHAT'S YOUR POINT!?
BUT THE LAW IS THE LAW!
SHUT UP!
I'M A COP! I DON'T NEED TO HEAR THIS FROM THE MAN WHO MURDERED HIS OWN TEACHER!!
...

THAT WAS MY INTENTION FROM THE START!
THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS IS NOT LETTING A CRIMINAL WALK FREE!
LET'S SETTLE THIS, THEN.
IF I WIN, I TAKE HIM WITH ME. IF YOU WIN, YOU GET HIM AND ME.
HERE WE GO.

SO HE WANTS TO SETTLE THIS IN ONE BLOW...
ALL RIGHT. WHOEVER STRIKES FASTEST WINS.

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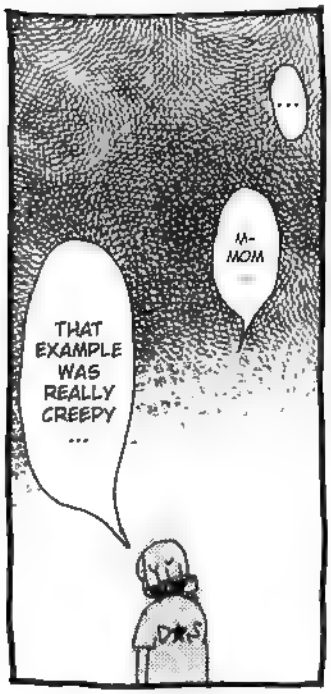
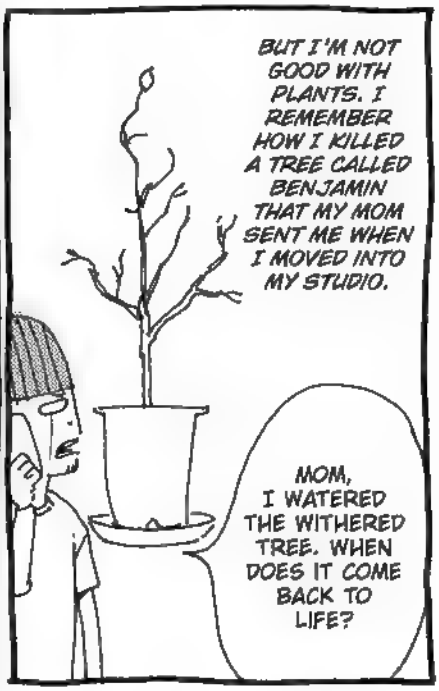
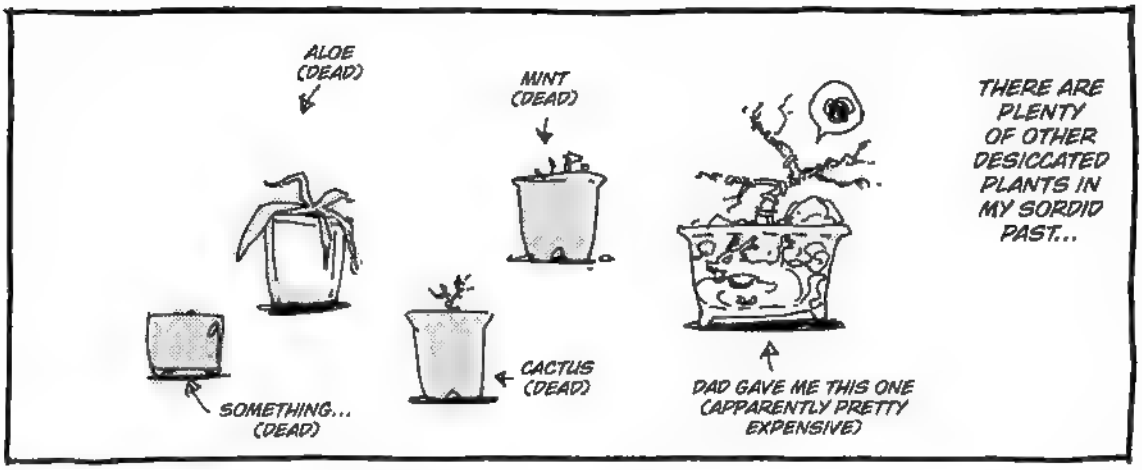
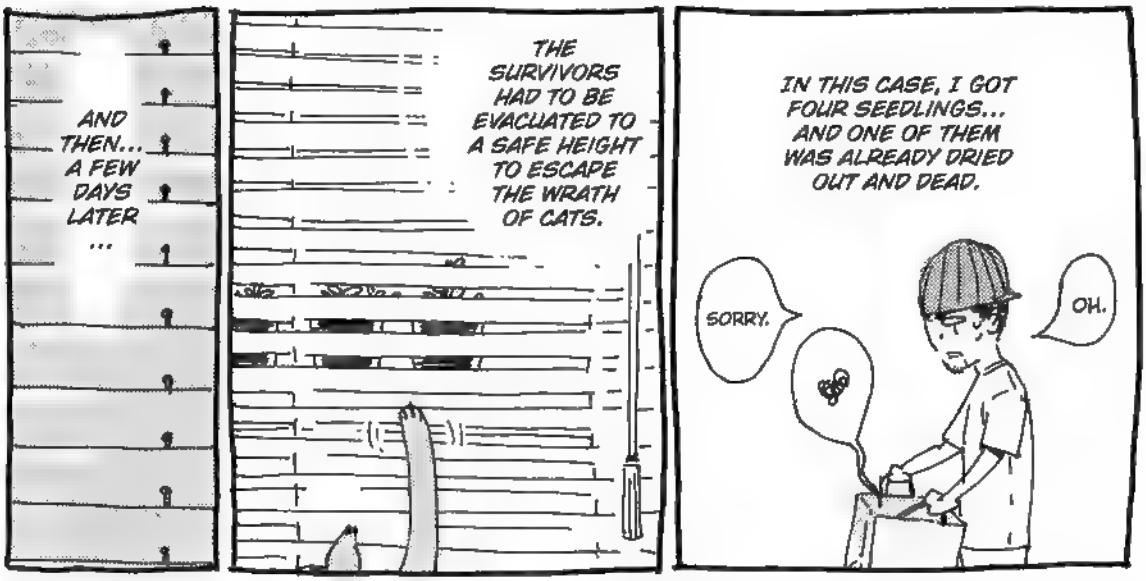
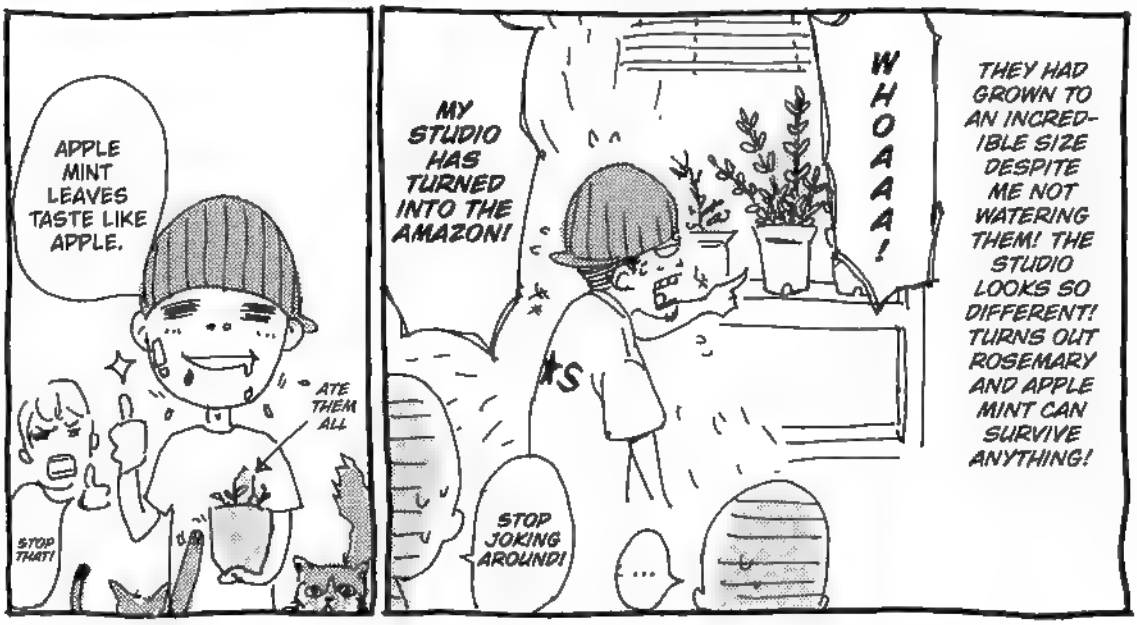
AN ACQUAINTANCE OF MINE GAVE ME ROSEMARY AND APPLE MINT SEEDLINGS.




BUT I'M NOT GOOD WITH PLANTS. I REMEMBER HOW I KILLED A TREE CALLED BENJAMIN THAT MY MOM SENT ME WHEN I MOVED INTO MY STUDIO.
MOM, I WATERED THE WITHERED TREE. WHEN DOES IT COME BACK TO LIFE?


ALOE (DEAD)
MINT (DEAD)
CACTUS (DEAD)
SOMETHING... (DEAD)
DAD GAVE ME THIS ONE (APPARENTLY PRETTY EXPENSIVE)
THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER DESICCATED PLANTS IN MY SORDID PAST...


AND THEN... A FEW DAYS LATER ...
THE SURVIVORS HAD TO BE EVACUATED TO A SAFE HEIGHT TO ESCAPE THE WRATH OF CATS.
IN THIS CASE, I GOT FOUR SEEDLINGS... AND ONE OF THEM WAS ALREADY DRIED OUT AND DEAD.
SORRY.
OH.


APPLE MINT LEAVES TASTE LIKE APPLE.
ATE THEM ALL
STOP THAT!
MY STUDIO HAS TURNED INTO THE AMAZON!
WHOAAA!
STOP JOKING AROUND!
...
THEY HAD GROWN TO AN INCREDIBLE SIZE DESPITE ME NOT WATERING THEM! THE STUDIO LOOKS SO DIFFERENT! TURNS OUT ROSEMARY AND APPLE MINT CAN SURVIVE ANYTHING!

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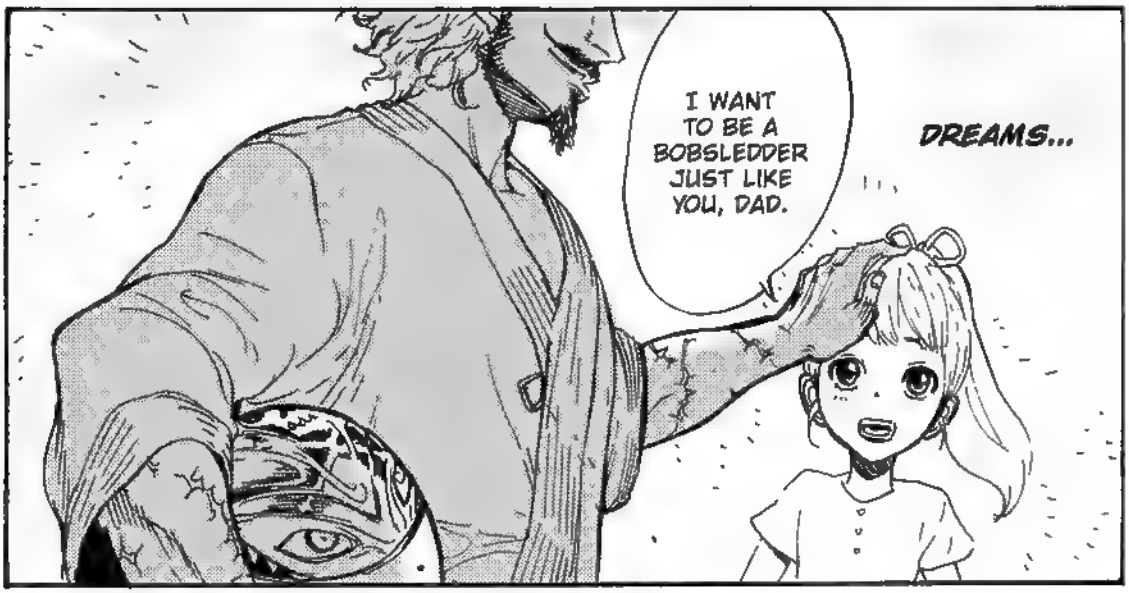
I WANT TO BE A BOBSLEDDER JUST LIKE YOU, DAD.
DREAMS...

AND CONSPIRACY...
Oh no! An explosion on the track!
The champion's sled has blown up!
DISASTER...
TRUSTWORTHY PARTNERS IN STANDING UP TO EVIL...
LIFE-THREATENING TRAINING...
250 km/h
A DRAMATIC GIRLS' BOBSLEDDING MANGA!!
Initial-S coming soon, yo!!
IT'S TOTALLY COMING NEXT VOLUME! I BET...
THE ENDLESS CHALLENGES BEGIN!!
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Common Honorifics
no honorific: Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.
***-san*:** The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.
***-sama*:** Conveys great respect; may also indicate that the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee.
***-kun*:** Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.
***-chan*:** An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.
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***-sensei*:** A respectful term for teachers, artists, or high-level professionals.

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Onii-chan: In Japanese, *onii-chan* means "older brother."

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